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Friends and Foes Alike Surprised

Jean Grace Says She won't Run Again

By Isabelle Hall

Shocking friends and foes alike, Carmel's Jean Grace came home from a regional mayors' meeting Friday and decided not to seek another term as mayor. The financial cost of seeking an unprecedented third term also seemed to weigh heavily on her.

"It was the worst side of politics," Grace told the *Sun* of the Dec. 6 session at which Seaside Mayor Lance McClair won an 8-4 vote to keep his seat as the representative of the 12 mayors on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). "It was just the last straw."

"I still have a third of a year to go," she said. "But, now I feel it's important to let other people come forward." She wrote out her announcement by hand at City Hall on Saturday after "wrestling with it for a long time."

Grace, 56, was widely viewed as planning to seek another term. Her announcement left the field virtually open to Councilman Ken White who has the backing of the powerful Carmel Residents Association (CRA). His candidacy has been considered a foregone conclusion by many. He is also viewed as being a formidable opponent even for Grace.

Moving quickly to allay rumors, Grace also said she informed Fifth District Supervisor Karin Strasser-Kauffman at a meeting Monday morning and assured the supervisor she would not run against her next June.

"I have been approached by people over the last six months," Grace said, "But I told Karin I would not run against her. If she decided to spend the year skiing in Colorado that would be another matter, I'd certainly consider it."

Grace said she wished her ally, Councilman Bob Fischer would run. She also said she thinks Planning Commission Chairman Carla Ramsey "would be a perfect person. She's made her mark as chairman. She runs a good meeting."

Fischer told the *Sun*, "I'm considering it. I think I have a strong base of support if I do decide to run."

The two-term councilman said he was "disappointed" but not surprised at Grace's decision because, "She's been under a lot of strain the last year."

Surprised by a private telephone call from Grace advising her of her decision not to run, Ramsey said, "To be honest with you, it's really something I hadn't considered. I really was surprised."

"It's very time-consuming as you well know," Ramsey said. "It's a big commitment to make."

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Eastwood, Allies Defeat Wright's Ballot Proposal

By Isabelle Hall

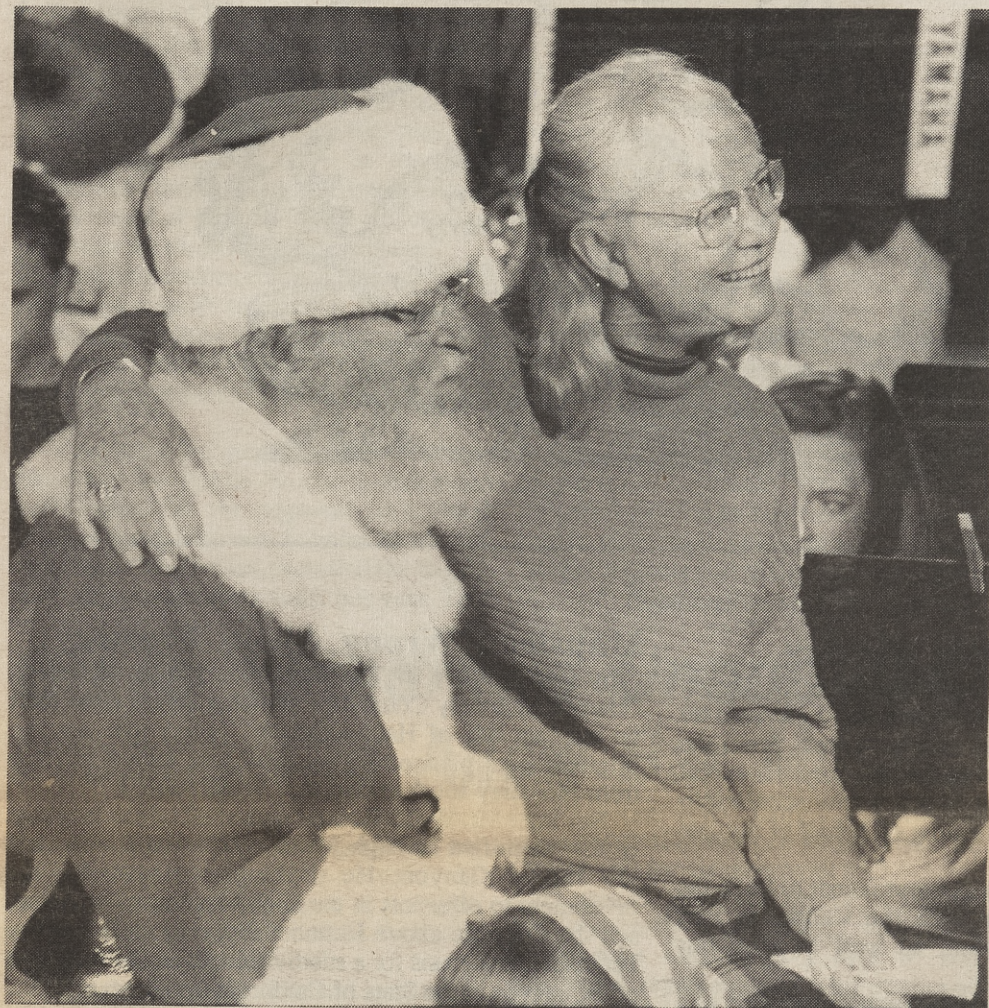
In a rare appearance at City Hall, former Mayor Clint Eastwood Tuesday led a successful attack on Councilman Jim Wright's proposal to put a lot of key policy issues on the ballot in April and, based on the voters' response, to dismiss them from further discussion and consideration at the council level.

Wright's plan was described as undemocratic, "appalling," "a deliberate attempt to muddy the waters" for prospective candidates, and "an electioneering kind of stunt." It was brought up after 8:30 p.m. with only about 20 people present as the council worked through an agenda that had been expected to take two nights.

After the bitter assault led by members of the pro-business Voice of Carmel, Wright simply withdrew his suggestion to ask the voters such questions as whether parking garages should be permitted in the R-1 district, is there support for a pedestrian mall on Ocean Avenue, should public monies be spent to promote the city for tourism and should policies encouraging resident-serving businesses be retained? All of the questions were based on suggestions from various committee reports that have been made or are in the process of being completed.

Eastwood, who attended the lengthy session specifically to oppose Wright's proposal, said that to ask the voters such questions is like asking them to "vote for

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MAYOR JEAN GRACE MAY HAVE told Santa Claus about her decision not to seek an unprecedented third term when she presided at Carmel's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremonies Friday night at Devendorf Park.

Sun photo by Stan Hall

Valley's 33rd Santa Fly-In Is Saturday

For the 33rd straight year, Santa Claus will fly from the North Pole to Carmel Valley Airport Saturday for a parade through the Village to get the holiday season into high gear.

Accompanied by Mrs. Claus, Santa is scheduled to arrive with local pilot Skip Marquard at 11 a.m. and will lead a parade down Carmel Valley Road to the Community Youth Center for a holiday celebration from 11:40 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Santa's Fly-In is sponsored by the Youth Center, where every child will have the chance to whisper to the Old Gent exactly

what they want under the tree this year. Youngsters also can have their photograph taken with Santa.

The Youth Center celebration will feature a Soul Choir, the Pointless Sisters, Christmas carolers, a cake walk, bake sale, clowns, face painting and loads of delicious treats.

Principal Karin Camilli of Tularecito Elementary School will serve as grand marshal of Santa's parade, which will also feature fire trucks, old automobiles, a kazoo band, floats and marching groups.

No Highway Safety Problem

Monastery Shoulder Parking Okay with Caltrans

By Stan Hall

Declaring no highway safety problem exists, the district director of Caltrans said it's fine with his agency if Monterey County wants to maintain parking on the shoulder of Highway 1 at Monastery Beach rather than see the construction of a new parking lot.

"Generally speaking, we will not take away parking unless there is a very solid reason for it—usually safety," Tom Pollock told the *Sun* in a telephone interview from Sacramento.

"We don't feel we have a safety problem at Monastery Beach. There are few accidents, and some of them have nothing at all to do with shoulder parking, but rather involve people going to the monastery," he added.

Efforts by the State Parks and Recreation Department to find a site for a parking lot to get the cars off the highway shoulder have created a continuing controversy in the community. A recent plan devised by the Parks Department to put a 60-car lot in a grove of 150-year-old

eucalyptus trees immediately behind historic Bay School raised a particular stink

The 60-car lot proposal was developed in conjunction with the Coastal Commission after Monterey County rejected a Parks Department plan to build a 35-car lot at the south end of the beach and a 40-car lot north of Bay School.

The Coastal Commission, maintaining jurisdiction over the issue, gave local opponents of the latest plan until February to come up with an acceptable alternative.

In the debates at numerous meetings on how to handle parking at the beach, which typically attracts scores of scuba divers on weekends, various speakers have cited differing positions and views attributing them to Caltrans.

But Pollock said, "There is no official Caltrans position." He added that the highway agency would try to accommodate the County's desires unless the agency felt they would contribute to safety or congestion concerns.

He also said that if shoulder parking should be banned, it would have to be in cooperation with the California Highway Patrol which would enforce it.

"We're not in the business of posting restrictions if they're not readily enforceable," Pollock said.

Although Caltrans has no specific position on Monastery Beach, Pollock did say that, "Generally, we're supportive of getting parking off the shoulder where it's practicable." But he noted there is shoulder parking at beaches and trails all along Highway 1, and it would be impossible to build lots at every location.

Asked about specific accident rates, Pollock referred the *Sun* to Bill Heath, Caltrans district traffic engineer in the San Luis Obispo office.

"There are no red flags coming up saying we ought to be doing something," Heath said of Caltrans' monitoring of accident rates and patterns along the beach. "Accident rates there are slightly or substantially below the norm for

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LETTERS

Circumventing The Public Process

Your recent article about the "ad hoc" committee which wrote its version of a regional plan for us all points out a serious problem. Many, many of the community organizations and citizens' review groups in this area have been permeated by a number of people who use their positions to advance their personal opinions in the name of the larger membership. I see many of the same people on many of these boards, expounding personal beliefs which are adopted as policy. Don't get me wrong—there is no crime in being involved in many groups! In fact, I highly recommend it!

The harm occurs when board members fail to separate their "representative" selves from their "private" selves. Chairpersons, presidents, and other directors and officers fail to confront these people or are these people. I see little or no polling of membership before positions are taken.

This "ad hoc" committee wrote a document which not only discussed the need for regional planning, but identified recommended policies and reached conclusions which reflected clearcut personal bias. They then took their document to LAFCO, all in the name of the League of Women Voters, but without any review by the League Board or its membership. I am convinced that as long as there are those who think they know what is best for everyone and those who decide things for everyone we will continue to see apathy and low-voter turnout. Why on earth should anyone vote when it's been decided for you?

It is clear to me that the "wrongdoing" by the "ad hoc" committee which wrote its regional plan is not in claiming there is a need for coordinating planning efforts between different agencies and municipalities; I believe there may be merit in a regionalized approach. Unfortunately, I wonder whether the idea will get fair consideration from the public now that this special-interest group has reached its own conclusions and, despite claims to the contrary, circumvented the public process.

Ileene Crane-Franks
Carmel Valley

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Jean Grace, Mayor,
Carmel-by-the-Sea



Karas Defends Movie Making

May I take this opportunity to clarify my recent "movie involvement." Let me assure everyone that I received no financial compensation for my efforts. Warner Bros., the producers of the film, contributed any financial consideration I was to receive to a minority scholarship fund that my wife and I are creating on behalf of my late father.

Further, before I made a final commitment to be in the movie, I cleared my action with the California Fair Election Practice Commission, as well as with our County Council.

I would like to state that Mr. Eastwood's reputation as a gentleman is well known and would critically preclude his asking for preferential treatment for his projects.

In closing, having been a member of the Board of Supervisors for over seven years, I have always sought to be fair and base decisions on the facts presented to us. I plan to continue in this vein.

Sam P. Karas
Supervisor-Fourth District

The author is responding to a letter in the Nov. 21 issue of the Sun suggesting that Karas, having appeared in Eastwood's movie, might not be able to deal objectively with future projects brought to the Board of Supervisors by the actor-producer.—The Ed.

Mapstead Wrong About Freeway

In a news story in The Sun Dec. 5 Noel Mapstead "blamed" Monterey County for allowing homes to be built on the east side of Hatton Canyon, saying that was the original route planned for an extension of the freeway from Monterey south to near the Carmel River."

Not true. Mr. W. L. Hudson owned all of the land that is now identified as High Meadow, Carmel Knolls, and the Hatton Canyon. He developed a plan for his investment to offer lots in the High Meadow subdivision, sell the east side above Hatton Canyon to the Monterey Peninsula Associates for a subdivision, in a combined sale of the canyon to the State of California for a freeway.

January 17, 1956, the California Highway Commission adopted the freeway route in Hatton Canyon and proceeded to purchase the right-of-way. The Monterey Peninsula Associates completed the subdivision plan and offered the lots for sale in November 1960. That area was never considered for the route of the freeway.

Lois Starnes
Founding Member
Citizens for Hatton Canyon

When "Elitists" Were Needed

It is unfortunate that some of those wretched "elitists" were not active when the shopping areas such as Carmel Rancho, the Barnyard and the Crossroads went through the County approval process, beginning in the early 1960's.

We might have been spared the congestion in the lower Carmel Valley and not be faced with the dilemma of the traffic volume problem on Highway 1 south of Ocean. It is my recollection that these developments sailed through with negligible or nominal opposition.

They may have been economically and socially justified, but the sizes, intensities and locations could have been modified, and action could have been taken to reduce the foreseeable congestion.

Roy E. Anderson
Carmel

Voracious for Land Acquisitions?

Like vultures circling a wounded beast, the regional park district Board of Directors savored the prospect of scavenging the Hatton Canyon in their voracious quest for new land acquisitions.

The board president, among many other sycophant followers of the Mapstead Theory, have miraculously discovered a "moving experience" during their exposure to wetlands, Monterey Pines, inedible onions, birds and an occasional transient deer.

For decades members of the staunch "no-growther" population of Carmel have literally ignored the jungle of the Hatton Canyon. This area has been like a lodestone to many generations of Carmel High School students, homeless itinerants, trash purveyors and yes, even child molesters.

Why has it suddenly become popular to extoll the virtues of this otherwise by-passed "Eden"? Obviously, there still exists a misguided minority who have ignored some of the benefits which may accompany the cleaning up of the canyon and conceivably provide a normal traffic flow pattern to and from Carmel Valley, the Barnyard, Rio Road, the Crossroads, the Highlands and south without disrupting more than a minor portion of the canyon's visual and habitat values.

Roger D. Williams, Sr.
Carmel Valley

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CV Road Traffic Trigger Topped; More Field Studies Ordered

Traffic levels have been reached on portions of Carmel Valley Road with the potential to trigger a moratorium on development in the Valley, but Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman said a halt to all development would be a last resort.

"If nothing is done (once the supervisors declared the threshold had been reached), we'd wind up with a moratorium," she said.

But she added a moratorium wouldn't help alleviate existing traffic congestion and said the supervisors could avoid that last resort by making road improvements, imposing less severe restrictions on development or a combination of those actions.

"It won't happen in one day," she said, noting that development in Carmel Valley already is severely restricted by its master plan.

The Board of Supervisors was formally notified of the latest traffic counts on Carmel Valley Road at its meeting Tuesday. Told that limits built into the master plan threaten to come into play, the supervisors, as they have in the past, authorized "detailed field measurements to verify Level of Service (LOS) calculations at or near the threshold traffic volume."

If the field studies confirm that traffic has increased enough to cause a reduction in LOS, then County supervisors must either put further restrictions on development or make improvements in traffic to restore the LOS.

A report filed jointly by the County Planning and Public Works Departments said traffic on the segment of Carmel Valley Road between Schulte Road and Robinson Canyon had exceeded the trigger level in measurements made this year. That

portion of the road is identified as segment 6.

It also said that the segment from Laureles Grade to Ford Road was close to the trigger level. That stretch is designated segment 3.

The latest traffic count found that segment 6 had an average annual daily traffic (AADT) count of 15,545 vehicles against a trigger threshold of 15,499 vehicles. Segment 3 counted 11,537 AADT against a trigger threshold of 11,600 AADT.

Approving a consent item, the board set a hearing on Public Works' field analysis of the LOS on those two segments for Jan. 28. The field study, which examines so-called vehicle headway rather than just a raw count of vehicles, will cost an estimated \$5,000, the report to the board said.

Strasser Kauffman told the *Sun* she didn't know whether the board would declare that the threshold had been reached. But ultimately, it will be, she said, "if not in January, then at a later date."

Once the threshold is reached, "the board is going to have to take some action."

In the past, the supervisors, after analyzing the field data on traffic on Carmel Valley Road, have determined that LOS has been maintained despite heavier traffic and have taken no action to limit development in the Valley or ease traffic congestion.

Anticipating that the traffic trigger levels eventually would be reached, the board ordered an environmental impact report done two years ago to examine "traffic impacts and mitigations on Carmel

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Segment	From	To	Threshold	AADT
1 CVR	Holman	East	8,487	3,307
2A CVR	Esquiline	Holman	6,835	3,412
2B CVR	Ford	Esquiline	N/A	10,199
3 CVR	Laureles	Ford	11,600	11,537
5 CVR	Robinson	Laureles	12,752	10,989
6 CVR	Schulte	Robinson	15,499	15,545
7 CVR	R.S.Carlos	Schulte	16,340	15,897
8 CVR	Rio Vista	R.S.Carlos	48,487	18,695
9 CVR	C. Rancho	Rio	51,401	25,881
10 CVR	HWY1	C. Rancho	27,839	23,377
11 C.Rancho	CVR	Rio	33,495	12,734
12 Rio	C. Rancho	HWY1	33,928	14,325

Thresholds for segments 1, 6 and 7 were revised based on 1988 field observation headway data. Segment 3 threshold was revised based on 1990 field observation headway data.

NEW MEASURES OF TRAFFIC on various segments of Carmel Valley Road are shown in the above chart as annual average daily traffic (AADT). Threshold limits established in the Carmel Valley Master Plan show that segment 6 exceeded the threshold in the latest count while segment 3 is approaching the limit.

Grace Withdraws Unpopular Proposal to Allow Bar Music

Mayor Jean Grace had second thoughts Tuesday night about her proposal to consider allowing live music in establishments that sell liquor as a parade of Carmelites pleaded not to let their city become "a honky tonk town."

"I didn't really didn't intend it to come as an ordinance. I'm not in any way trying to be an advocate but it does need public hearing," she said of the City Council agenda items proposing changes in the 52-year-old ordinance that bans live music in bars or restaurants that sell liquor. Live music is allowed where no alcoholic beverages are sold.

The proposal was put on the agenda at her request, and, in a memorandum, Grace had proposed deleting the ban, citing "repeated community and council concern that this prohibition is unreasonable and detracts from the fun and cultural ambience of Carmel." After the public hearing, she moved to do nothing with the ordinance. Her motion was approved unanimously.

The proposal had created such interest that even Sheriff's Deputy Pat Duval, who is known as "The Singing Sheriff," attended the hearing. He made no public comment but told the *Sun* he had several calls from Carmel night spots asking him about it, and he was "full of curiosity."

The history of the highly emotional issue was set forth by City Administrator Doug Schmitz and City Attorney Don Freeman. Schmitz said the council that adopted the measure, Ordinance No. 216, on Dec. 19, 1939, considered it "an urgency ordinance." Herbert Heron was mayor.

Freeman related how the city won a legal challenge to the law in 1974, warning the city "would have to be careful" if it voted to amend it because "Any time you make a change in the ordinance like that you're giving the challenger reason to try again."

Freeman also said it would be impossible to legislate to permit only certain types of instruments if the ordinance was amended.

Dan Glosser, owner of the General Store-Forge in the Forest, said there was a need for limited music for the people who visit Carmel, even if it was just to allow one piano player or a guitarist. But he was

almost a lone voice. Only Lorna Moffett suggested, "Allowing one singer would be a lovely test for six months or so."

"It would open the doors to trouble that you really don't want," said Rock Scully who said he is a rock n' roll musicians' representative who graduated from Carmel High School in 1959. "This is my home town."

David Maradei, speaking for the Carmel Residents Association (CRA), said changing the ban would mean losing "something that makes us unique and special. Once again we will give up our unique character to become just like every other nighttime bar town."

A former councilman, Maradei said the issue had been the subject of a two-hour debate at a CRA board meeting Monday night "with good arguments coming up for both sides."

But he said the group concluded that while live music is an enhancement of nightlife for residents, "It is a function and extension of business...business is by its very nature competitive. If one restaurant has it, it follows that others will also have to keep pace with the competition."

Clayton Anderson, another CRA member, said, "Carmel deserves music but after hearing Attorney Freeman say we can't control the type of instruments allowed, it would be impossible to control. Please don't turn Carmel into a honky tonk town."

"I love live music," said resident Tom Irwin, "But not here. It's not our town. I'll go to Monterey to hear it."

Ann Woolworth read a statement from fellow resident Jane Meyer urging, "If residents like Carmel as a party town then they are the ones who should instigate this."

"Since when does 'culture' coexist with consumption of alcohol?" Meyer wanted to know.

In her own behalf, Woolworth said that allowing music would not only increase traffic and noise but would make Carmel subject to the rules of musicians' unions and union disputes such as that which nearly halted the Bach Festival this year.

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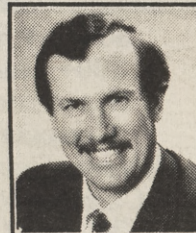
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HIGHLANDS. A contractor from Capitola reported a tool box was stolen from a construction site on Mt. Devon. 1/02.

BIG SUR. A Big Sur man was arrested on charges of resisting arrest and destroying evidence after he ran and threw an alleged package of marijuana over a cliff when a deputy checked his car and noticed the odor of marijuana. 12/2.

Diamond Ring Stolen

CARMEL. A woman reported the theft of a diamond ring from her home on Carmel Knolls. 12/2.

LAURELES GRADE. A Carmel woman said she lost a bag containing personal items 11/30 at the Chamisal Tennis Club. 12/4.

CARMEL RANCHO. The manager of Succulent Gardens reported the theft of a bronze statue from his shop in the Barnyard. 12/5.

VALLEY. Middle School authorities told deputies they had a student in custody for possession of a switchblade knife. 12/5.

HIGHLANDS. A woman reported her mailbox had been vandalized outside her home on San Remo. 12/5.

CARMEL. A woman reported the theft of two lion statues from her garden. 12/6.

Used Syringes Discovered

VILLAGE. Saying she found it at the

Little League park, a woman gave a deputy a plastic bag filled with used syringes and small vials. 12/6.

VALLEY. A Hollister woman, singing at Rancho Canada, said a bag containing personal items was taken while she performed. 12/6.

VALLEY. A woman reported she heard noises on her patio at Del Meas during the night; nothing was found. 12/7.

HIGHLANDS. A man who lives on Peter Pan reported he found his tenant deceased. 12/7.

SOUTH COAST. A resident of Palo Colorado Canyon reported mailboxes had been vandalized. 12/7.

Tourist Loses Camera

SOUTH COAST. A tourist from London told Carmel police he lost his camera somewhere between Monastery Beach and Nephenthe. 12/7.

VALLEY. A teacher at Middle School reported two cars belonging to fellow teachers had been vandalized at the school while they were away on a weekend trip. 12/7.

VALLEY. A Pacific Grove woman was cited for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana at Shanty Malone's. 12/7.

HIGHLANDS. A man was arrested and taken to jail after a resident reported a fight outside his home. 12/7.

Carmel Seeks Cranston Aid on Freeway

The City of Carmel asked Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif. for help in stopping a "Los Angeles" style freeway from being built in Hatton Canyon along the east edge of the city's adopted sphere of influence.

In a letter Dec. 3, Mayor Jean Grace told Cranston, "The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) released for this project identifies it as both the most environmentally damaging and the most expensive of all the alternatives."

"Despite the continuing efforts of this city, and the opposition to the proposed freeway through the canyon by the City of Pacific Grove, the Hatton Canyon Coalition, and the Sierra Club, the Federal Highway Administration and CalTrans persist in forcing this expensive and environmentally damaging alternative upon us."

Grace asked Cranston to help "to force" the two highway departments to redirect their efforts towards widening existing Highway 1 which Carmel has supported as an alternative to the Hatton Canyon route which would eliminate some 15,000 native Monterey Pine Trees.

"At a time when the United States is condemning the demolition of rain forests throughout the world, it is truly ironic that in our own country federal and state agencies propose to decimate our own native forests," Grace wrote.

Carmel has asked the Federal Highway Administration for a new draft environmental impact statement. The council met in closed session Tuesday to consider joining a lawsuit to stop the freeway, but took no action.

Setting It Straight

In its story on Monastery Beach in the Dec. 5 issue, the *Sun* misidentified an attorney representing the City of Carmel. He was Joel Franklin, not Joel Rosen.

In the same issue, a cutline under a photo of a prize-winning house design by architect John Thodos said it was located in Carmel. The house was not designed to be built inside the city limits, but rather in Carmel Meadows.

Vera Stokes Dies; Would Have Been 98

Vera Stokes, longtime Carmel Valley resident who would have been 98 on Dec. 23, died Wednesday at Community Hospital where she had been hospitalized for a week after suffering a broken hip.

A resident of the Valley since 1960, she was the daughter of Pop Ernest, who came to Monterey with his family in 1907 from Sausalito and made abalone steak famous at his restaurant on the wharf.

Lois Deal, Mrs. Stokes' daughter, said her body would be cremated and the ashes spread in the Pacific off Pacific Grove as her mother wanted. She said a memorial service probably would be held later, but no arrangements had been made.

In addition to Mrs. Deal, survivors include Bryan Deal, a grandson; Donna Tarr, a granddaughter; and Clint Wilson, a great grandson. All live in Carmel Valley.

Mrs. Stokes was widely known in Carmel Valley Village. For years, Mrs. Stokes decorated her carport for Halloween and handed out treats to neighborhood children in a witches' costume.

Asked if her mother didn't love the Christmas season because it coincided



VERA STOKES

with her birthday, Mrs. Deal said, "She loved every holiday."

Mrs. Stokes lived on Via Contenta in Carmel Valley Village "with four cats that had adopted her," according to her daughter.

Carmel Daytime Burglaries Net Big Hauls

Five daytime burglaries have taken place in Carmel since Sept. 9—two resulting in \$20,000 losses and one the \$50,000 theft of oriental rugs.

"We have had an increase in residential burglaries...no question about it," said Sgt. Pete Poitras of the Carmel Police Department.

He said jewelry, oriental rugs and small antique furniture have been the main items stolen.

In September, three burglaries occurred in the neighborhood of Scenic and 8th, and then burglaries occurred near Lincoln and 12th, Poitras said.

In addition to the five burglaries, there were three cases where attempts were made to force entry, but nothing was stolen, Poitras said. "He may have been scared away."

The detective added that there's a good chance that at least three of the burglaries were committed by the same person, but that suspect is now in jail on other charges and the thefts have continued.

Most thefts occurred during the daytime, with one occurring just after dark, Poitras said. Losses from the other burglaries were not nearly as significant as the three major heists, Poitras said.

He urged Carmel residents to keep their doors and windows locked and suggested

residents get to know their neighbors and become involved in the Neighborhood Watch program.

"People have a tendency to feel Carmel is immune from such problems," he said. "They tend to rationalize unusual occurrences. We need as many eyes out there as we can get. Report things that look suspicious."

Carmel Woman Sought For Forgery and Theft

The District Attorney has filed 16 charges against Tamera Brandis Porter, 37, of Carmel, including five counts of forgery, four counts of forgery with a credit card, three counts of grand theft, and two counts of defrauding an innkeeper.

Porter was also charged with two counts of furnishing marijuana to children.

The case originated on a complaint that Porter was providing marijuana to her minor daughter and other children.

The amount of forged credit charges and checks totaled about \$13,000, and according to the Sheriff's Department there may be more victims.

Anyone having information about the woman is asked to call Sheriff's Investigators Wayne Harvey or John Hanson at 647-7672.

Children's Program at Thunderbird

Big Sur resident Ric Masten will present the fourth Annual Winter Solstice Thunderbird Children's Concert Dec. 21 at 11 a.m.

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No Need Seen for Rationing Even with Continued Drought

With continued conservation by the community, an official of the water management district said enough water is available in storage to get through a sixth year of drought without having to return to rationing.

"We're in good shape," declared Darby Fuerst, water resources manager for the district, "especially compared to many other areas in the state."

As of Nov. 1, he said about 28,400 acre-feet of water was stored in the Los Padres and San Clemente dams, the huge aquifer under the Carmel River and in the Seaside aquifer.

"In gross terms, we have about 6,000 acre-feet more storage available this year than we did at a comparable time last year," he said. "We're much better off."

"Conservation has been terrific," he added, noting that demand was running 20 to 30 percent below the same months in the base years of 1987-1988.

"With this savings and the storage we have, we wouldn't have to go back to mandatory rationing even if this turns out to be a sixth year of drought," Fuerst said.

In addition to continuing conservation, a reason for such a positive outlook is the 24,000 acre-feet of runoff that went into storage last winter, much of it in March when the area received record rainfall. Despite that one wet month, the year still ended up with below normal rainfall, extending the drought to five years.

Fuerst's assessment was good news for the construction industry which has been saddled with a building moratorium imposed by the water management district for nearly a year now. If mandatory rationing was resumed, chances of the moratorium being lifted would be considerably darker even when a source of additional water comes on stream.

When the moratorium was imposed last January, it was expected to end within a few months once additional water became available from a new well in Seaside.

But a series of delays held up the well, which now is supposed to become operational in April. Once it is operational, the water management district is expected to ease the moratorium and allocate a small amount of water to each of the jurisdictions that make up the district—six cities, the County and the airport district.

Exactly how new water will be allocated among the jurisdictions is in the hands of a three member committee of the district's board of directors. A group representing the various jurisdictions within the district failed to agree on a formula.

Ken Long, chairman of the committee, told the Sun: "I think we'll come up with a formula, something that is equitable and fair. But it may be something you haven't seen before."

He gave no further hint of the committee's thinking about a formula, but did say "it would open up a whole new ball game" if the district had to return to mandatory rationing.



A COLD FRONT, which brought light showers to the area when it moved through Friday morning, also whipped up heavy seas. Above, visitors to Point Lobos watch as the surf splashes 30 to 40 feet high. The showers dropped .24 of an inch of rain in Carmel Valley Village, bringing the total

for the rain year which began July 1 to 1.85 inch as of Monday. At the same time last year, the Village had measured only 1.04 inches of rain, while average for the date is 4.08.

Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

Otherwise, he said, "I think we're committed to releasing some water (from the new Seaside well)." Dale Hekhuis and Dick Heuer are the other members of the committee which hopes to present an allocation proposal to the full board by February.

At its first meeting Dec. 3, the committee accepted some of the so-called program elements developed by the jurisdictional groups to guide administration of an allocation program.

One of the most basic is that the jurisdictions, once allocated an additional supply by the water management district, could decide to use it any way it wanted.

Another was that an allocation program should be designed to last at least five years. At the committee's first meeting, members asked General Manager Jim Cofer to complete a study of the number of new hookup permits the district had issued in the past five years.

Cofer agreed with Long that the formula the committee recommends will be different than the formulas considered before. He suggested that where earlier formulas had attempted to forecast total water needs of the jurisdictions at build-out, the district's formula will only consider relatively short-term water needs.

With below average rainfall so far this year, Fuerst said the flow of water from San Clemente and Los Padres dams into the Carmel River has been reduced from an average of 8-10 acre-feet per day during the

summer to 6 acre-feet a day. He said the action was taken to preserve water stored in the reservoirs, adding the reduced release rate could be maintained at least through March even if no further rain fell at all.

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Grace Surprises Carmel with Decision Not to Run Again

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"And I have the scarlet 'R' on me," she said referring to the fact she is a Realtor with Ocean Realty Co. in Carmel and a member of the Carmel Board of Realtors. Realtors, developers and virtually anyone connected with the building trades are viewed with suspicion in Carmel by residents who want to keep the small town as it is.

Although Grace has had a difficult year fighting with the three-member CRA majority on the council, she had won several rounds and seemed to enjoy the battle.

CRA President Jim Holliday was almost speechless when the *Sun* called him for reaction: "No," he said. "You don't mean it. I think that's amazing. You don't mean it." The residents' group supports White for mayor, he said.

Holliday, who often fought with Grace, said, "I admire her. I admire anyone who's willing to serve in public office. I admire politicians. That's what this country thrives on. I admire their willingness to make decisions. I appreciate what Mayor Grace has done."

Former Mayor Clint Eastwood, who supported Grace in 1988 and 1990, said he was among the last to know of her decision. "I must say that I've got to plead ignorance," he said, after hearing people "refer to it" at a council meeting Tuesday night.

"I'm naturally disappointed because I think Jean's a very hard worker. She tried to do a lot of things in the face of a coalition," he said referring to the current council majority of White, Jim Wright and Barbara Brooks. "I was fortunate enough to not be ganged up on...we got the library annexation and other things because everybody worked toward them."

Olof Dahlstrand, chairman of the Voice of Carmel, a non-profit group that has been taking polls on public issues, expressed disappointment at hearing the news.

"I think she's generally done a good job," he said. "It's a tough job." He said his group by the nature of its charter would not have supported Grace or any other candidate.

"Basically, we don't take sides on politicians," Dahlstrand said. The group does take positions on issues, however, and has made some people mad as a result, he said.

Alan Williams, president of Carmel Development Co. and chairman of the Ad Hoc Parking Committee, said, "It's a disappointment but she has served for four years. That's a long time in Carmel. It leaves a void that will have to be filled."

What made Grace call it quits? The bruising session at which the mayors of Monterey, Salinas, Carmel and Pacific Grove lost their attempt to oust McClair, one of their two representatives on LAFCO was the catalyst. Those mayors said they felt McClair pushed his own city so hard he

could not represent all 12 cities fairly on LAFCO matters pertaining to the future of the Fort Ord military base.

McClair was elected to a four-year term on the commission in August by the mayors' committee. A month later he made an unsuccessful attempt to get approval to extend Seaside's official sphere of influence into Fort Ord, a move seen at odds with the regional task force created by Rep. Leon Panetta to recommend uses for the land once the base is closed.

"Having to sit there for hour after hour and listen to Lance McClair was the last straw," Grace said. "I'm sick of it." She



JEAN GRACE

said the mayors of the four cities who lost their attempt to oust him "represent 150,000 people in this county, far more than those who voted to keep him."

They are ruthless people," Grace declared. "I frankly think they're giving a bad name to their communities."

She was particularly upset with Marina Mayor Edith Johnsen who was quoted as describing the meeting as like being "asked to come to a gang bang on a billiard table and I am being forced to watch it."

"I'm just appalled that she used that analogy," Grace said. Marina and Seaside have formed an alliance apart from Panetta's group to consider what will happen once the base closes.

After the meeting, she said she returned to officiate at Carmel's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony, and, "It made me feel good coming home to a nice

community." But, even at the ceremony when she sat on Santa Claus' knee, she urged the community to dwell on the "peace" that Christmas signals.

Still fretting about the LAFCO session, however, Grace said she realized later that night that Dec. 6 was the anniversary of her father's death a quarter of a century ago.

"He'd be 90 years old," she said. "And I began to wonder what would he be thinking about it all and I think he'd say to me, 'You've given it your best.'"

"I need to earn a decent living and spend more time doing that," Grace said. She is an Earth Sciences instructor at the Monterey Peninsula College but works only parttime and has often referred to her need to support herself. She said she takes home \$160 a month for being mayor, a job at which she averages about 30 hours a week "if you consider the amount of time I spend driving and studying. I often go to bed with city documents to study."

"It's genuinely a sacrifice for the community," she said. "You can't be seen in the same dress at every event when you're appearing everywhere."

As a "former mayor," she said, "I might think about suggesting the mayor's pay be adjusted. I think Greenfield pays about \$400 or \$500," she said.

"I also think there should be a four-year term," Grace said. While mayors are elected to two-year terms in Carmel, members of the council serve for four years.

"I think there should be a limit on the campaign money people are allowed to spend. My campaign cost \$6,000 last time and Eleanor's cost the same amount of money. That's \$12,000," she said referring to her defeat of Eleanor Laiolo in the 1990 election.

"If one goes on television then the rest of them think they have to and that's so expensive. I had to have some last minute radio spots. I'd like to see a cap put on it," she said. "There's all sorts of things that as a former mayor, I could do, and I

may run again in six years or so."

As a former mayor, she said she would never run for the council but "I would be willing to serve on the Forest and Beach Committee, the Library Board, again, or the Cultural Commission."

Laiolo was totally surprised by Grace's decision and about as speechless as Holliday.

"That's news to me," she said. Asked if this would revive her interest in the election, she said, "I don't know what to say. I haven't given it any thought."

The makeup of the present council elected in 1990 created the ruling triumvirate of White, Wright and Brooks, all of whom are members of the CRA which is dedicated to keeping residents' rights foremost in the popular tourist city, a battle that has raged since before Carmel's incorporation 75 years ago.

They fought unsuccessfully for a measure to limit the size of houses on Carmel's 4,000 square foot lots when it was taken to a special election in March by Don Kremer, a retired IBM executive and management consultant in the television satellite and computer fields.

But, under Wright's leadership, the council voted 3-2 to limit the power of the mayor in making nominations to the important Planning Commission after a year-long battle with Grace that sometimes raged so loudly locals pleaded with the council to stop fighting.

"Having been married a total of 20 years, I am very well aware that when you have a stressful job, it's a great help to have a companion at home," Grace, a divorcee said. "When you're a single person trying to support yourself, it's double the work. I took my responsibility as mayor very seriously. Maybe I attended a lot of things I didn't need to."

White agreed with her about the stress of the job. He said being able to share things with his wife, Jean, had helped him during particularly difficult times in his political life.

Carmel Political Scene Turned Upside Down by Decision

Mayor Jean Grace's stunning decision not to seek re-election has turned Carmel's political landscape upside down. The shakeout of candidates for as many as three council seats could be just as surprising.

Councilman Ken White has been the unofficial mayoral candidate of the Carmel Residents Association (CRA) for months although the Monterey High School athletic director has yet to make a formal announcement.

"CRA support is fine but there are a lot of people who need representation in town," he told the *Sun*.

"I'm looking very positively at running," White said. "But, I need to put a few more things together. If I do get involved, I'm going to work very hard."

Asked who she thought might run in addition to White, Grace suggested Planning Commission Chair Carla Ramsey and Councilman Bob Fischer, who said he was giving it some consideration.

Not only is the mayor's seat up but also White's council seat and that of Councilman Jim Wright, who after nine years has said he will not run again. Should Fischer decide to make the mayoral race, he would not lose his council seat if he lost because he is halfway through a four-year council term.

Candidates must file with City Clerk Jeanne Brehmer by Jan. 16 for the April 14 election. She said there had never been a shortage of candidates for the council and often there were "10 or 11." But Alan Williams, a member of the Voice of Carmel and local representative for former Mayor Clint Eastwood, said he had never seen "such an absence of candidates for an election."

Brehmer explained that, if a seated councilman like Fischer ran for mayor and won, his council seat would not be declared vacant until after the election. At that time,

it would be treated like any other vacancy with the council having 30 days to appoint a replacement, or it could call a special election. Brehmer said the practice in recent years had been to appoint a replacement.

Councilwoman Barbara Brooks, who along with Fischer is midway through a four-year term, said, "Not me," when asked if she were interested in running for mayor in the next election.

"I think Ken White would be great for the town," Brooks said. "I think it's time for a change. Four years is a long time in a little town. You can pick up a lot of baggage."

CRA president Jim Holliday told the *Sun* his 325-member organization supported White for mayor and Barbara Livingston, head of Friends of Carmel Forest, for the council. Beyond that, he said the board of directors had not made any considerations.

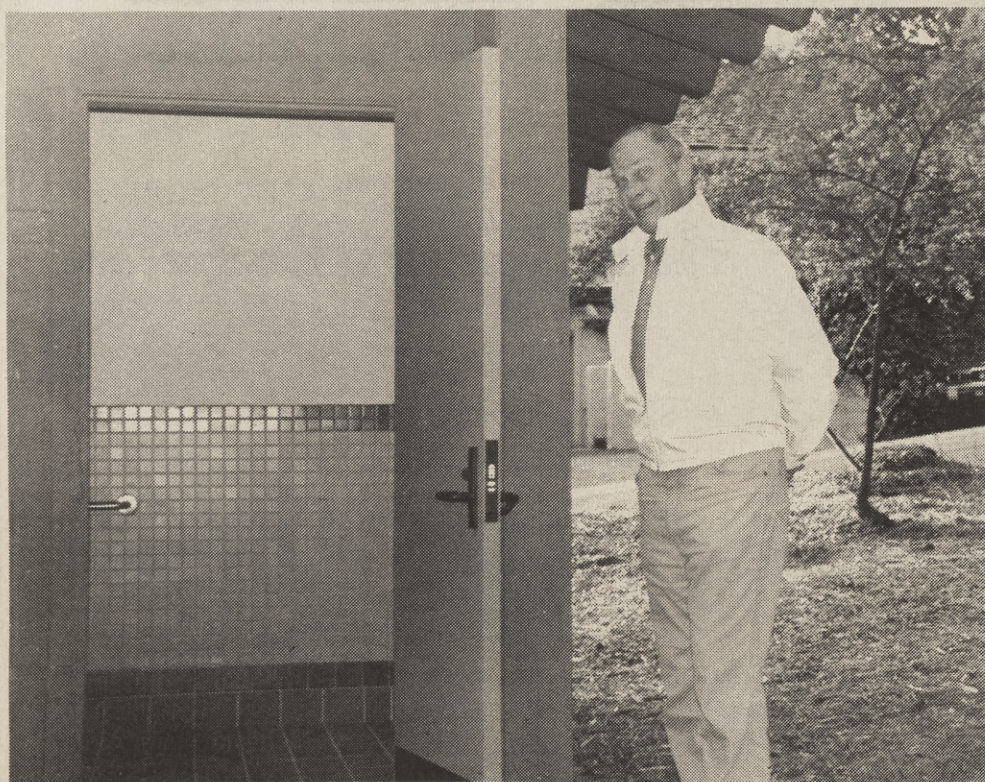
"We have in the past and will in the future encourage Barbara Livingston to run," he said. "We haven't considered anyone else. In the absence of anyone we know who's serious about it, we have settled on Barbara Livingston."

Ramsey, who has just been reappointed chairman of the powerful Planning Commission, was totally surprised by Grace who advised her of her decision in a private telephone call.

"That's a very big commitment to make," she said of the mayoralty race. "I've also made a commitment to be chairman until my term is up in September." Ramsey ran unsuccessfully for the council in 1988 and 1990.

Fischer was much more positive and grateful to Grace for making an early decision "to give enough time for a field to develop."

He expressed disappointment at Grace's
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COUNCILMAN BOB FISCHER inspects the new \$100,000 washrooms at Forest Hill Park on Monday. Fischer, midway through his second term on the City Council said he is considering running for mayor of Carmel in the April 14 election.

Sun photo by Isabelle Hall



Rufus Keeps Shedding His Antlers

Rufus, a Shar-pei dog, has been wearing his antlers or Santa hat and jacket to work each day at the Barnyard when he goes with his master, John Lyon, who takes care of the grounds at the shopping center.

The Santa hat stays on Rufus better, Lyon said. He tends to shed his antlers. "It's hard to get good dog antlers," according to Lyon.

"I didn't know I wanted a dog," Lyon said. He'd never had one before. But a "friend of a friend" found Rufus five years ago at the Gilroy Society for the Prevention of Cruelty Animals and convinced Lyon to take him. "He fit into my life perfectly. He's just been a joy," Lyon said.

Rufus is a one man dog, but he's smart, calm and has an even disposition,

Lyon said. He tolerates being photographed by many people who come through the Barnyard. "He's quite photogenic," Lyon commented.

Last Thursday Rufus posed for pictures as Lyon strung lights on a 25-foot blue spruce he was getting ready to set up in the middle of the shopping center.

Lyon, a Carmel Valley resident, also has a 65 pound wrinkle-face, pot bellied pig name Gorbachop. "Rufus was sort of enamored at first, but now they sort of ignore each other," said Lyon who also has a cat.

Asked if he liked the pig Lyon responded, "She can be quite obstinate. I think it was Winston Churchill who said, 'Cats look down on you. Dogs look up to you and pigs treat you as their equal.'"

Final Action Slated Dec. 18 On Carmel Zoning Proposals

Proposals to reduce Carmel's commercial zoning districts and remove the Ocean Avenue Overlay District are among seven recommendations slated for final approval by the Planning Commission Dec. 18.

After nearly a year of study and eight public meetings, the commission scheduled final action on the commercial zoning study so its report can be submitted Jan. 7 to the City Council which requested it in an attempt to see if the complex zoning code should be simplified.

Commissioners have stopped short of delineating the actual boundaries for the reduced commercial districts. A politically touchy issue, potential boundaries will instead be "discussed" in the final report. During much of the hearings discussion had centered on a central district that would stretch from Fifth to Seventh Streets but the very concept is opposed by the vocal Carmel Residents Association (CRA).

Copies of the draft report will be available at the Planning Department Dec. 12. Officials have stressed that prior to becoming law or policy, any changes adopted by the council would be subject to environmental analysis and further public hearings by both the commission and the council.

The seven recommendations are:

1. Stress the objective of quality business rather than resident serving business in the General Plan and Land Use Code.
2. Delete or amend some policies of the General Plan that have not been implemented.
3. Reduce the number of commercial zoning districts from three to two. Actual boundaries have yet to be adopted and will be "discussed" in the final report.
4. Add a definition of "intensity of use" to the Land Use Code.

5. Streamline the federal Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) categories in the Land Use Code.

6. Simplify the approval process for commercial uses by reducing the number of conditional uses.

7. Remove the Ocean Avenue Overlay.

Since the study began, the commission has had several membership changes and has been the center of a bitter fight on the council over the mayor's authority to nominate its members.

With the exception of a heavily attended Town Meeting in July, regular study sessions on the controversial zoning issues have tended to be attended by the same persons.

Barbara Livingston, chief CRA spokesman on the issue, attacked the change in "resident serving business" concept at the Nov. 13 hearing and reiterated the group's contention that a professional consultant should be hired to determine the impact of changing the zones.

First Murphy Sells House Ornaments

The First Murphy Committee is selling handmade, wooden ornaments of the historic house to help pay for its renovation.

The ornaments were designed by Jean Basham Rodriguez, a niece of the master builder whose first house is being restored in the city park at Lincoln and Sixth Streets.

The ornaments, which sell for \$10, are suitable for hanging on a Christmas tree or wearing as a brooch, a spokesman said. They are available at Derek Rayne on Ocean Avenue near Lincoln, one of the oldest businesses in Carmel.

Carmel Political Scene Changed

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decision but said, "I have considered it and am still considering it. I have to give it a lot of thought. At least I know one of the directions to take."

Not taken by surprise as others were, Fischer said he believed he had a strong base of support should he run.

The announcement caught Eleanor Laiolo, whom Grace defeated in 1990, off guard. "I don't know what to say," she said. "I haven't given it any thought."

None of the potential candidates commented on the cost of running which was clearly a factor in Grace's decision. Currently a parttime instructor at Monterey Peninsula College, she has often expressed concern about earning her living.

The mayor of Carmel takes home \$160 a month from the job. Grace's duties include presiding over at least one council meeting a month and countless public appearances in addition to representing the city on such groups as the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFC), the Monterey-Salinas Transit District and the Ad Hoc Committee on Fort Ord.

The Voice of Carmel, a non-profit, business-oriented group formed to comment on issues affecting the seaside resort city, is seen as the counterpart to the CRA despite its position that it will not support political candidates.

Chairman Olof Dahlstrand said his group would not have supported Grace because "basically, we don't take sides on politics. Our charter doesn't allow it. We are not a Political Action Committee (PAC). We deal with issues of general concern but a lot of people get upset at us."

Planning Commissioner Jack Kennedy said he had given the council election "some thought. I've not made a decision."

"I thought she'd done a good job," he said of Grace. Kennedy also said he had "a great deal of admiration" for Fischer.

Don Kremer, a retired IBM executive, who led the successful fight against reduced house sizes in March, said, "My attitude right now is that I've got too much to do" to run for the council.

Kremer is a management consultant who works in the computer and private satellite network field. His wife, Diane, also an IBM retiree, has opened an interior design and project management business. They share an office at the Barnyard.

A personal friend of the mayor, Kremer said, "I have mixed emotions about it. She's a good mayor. Four years in a job like that is a lot," he said. "It's somewhat of a thankless job."

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Have you ever ordered something over the telephone even though you didn't know exactly what you were getting? Carmel High School Principal Marie Ishida has.

She was questioned by the school board last week about a \$33 bill from Rep. Leon Panetta for a U. S. flag which flies above the football field.

Ishida explained that Panetta's office called the school and asked if it would like a flag which had flown over the nation's capital.

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School Mulls Before And After Class Care for River, Tularcitos

The Carmel Unified School District (CUSD) is looking at a plan to offer one hour of child care before and after school for Tularcitos and River School students for \$45 for the semester.

Reflecting teacher concerns about how such a program would impact the schools, a committee appointed to study the issue is also looking for other possible sites for child care, according to Karin Camilli, Tularcitos principal and committee member.

The \$45 program would amount to about fifty cents an hour for a student who used the service for one hour each day, according to Superintendent Vance Baldwin. He said the fee was determined by trying to come up with an affordable charge for parents and at the same time, finding an amount that would cover the district's expense of hiring a playground attendant.

"The board could nix the whole thing," Baldwin said, or approve or modify it.

The district appointed a committee to look into the child care issue after a handful of parents at both schools criticized the district for not providing for drop-in students this year as it did in the past.

About 90 students are served by the Latchkey Program which operates at Tularcitos and Carmelo schools. They attend on a regular basis, and parents contract for services in this program each

month.

Some parents complained the program did not provide for children who needed care but not on a regular basis.

Teachers at both schools have expressed concerns that the new program might tie up facilities now being used for educational programs, increase the noise level on playgrounds while other students are in class and impact the office staff. "Those are all the down sides that we have to work out," Baldwin said.

Both schools are at maximum enrollments this year. Tularcitos has 517 students, according to Camilli, and River has 438, according to Karen Huntington, attendance secretary. Facilities at both schools are being used to the maximum, according to school officials.

As a result, before and after school care would have to be outside on the playgrounds, and school officials expressed concern they would have no indoor room free for the students to use during bad weather.

Besides Camilli, others on the childcare committee are Frank Pinney, CUSD Board member; Deborah Warcken, Tularcitos parent; Vicki Warner, Tularcitos teacher; Alyce Bleisner, River teacher; Sharon Douglas, River principal; and Jim Suchan, River parent.

At Carmel School Board Decide Fate of Youth Found with LSD

During a closed session Dec. 5, Carmel school board members decided whether to expel a high school student who was picked up at school with LSD in his possession, but will not make a public announcement until their next meeting on Dec. 19.

A 15 year-old, Carmel High School student was suspended for having 25 "tabs" or doses of LSD in his possession at school. He was picked up by Carmel police at the request of the District Attorney's office who also arrested a man in Monterey in connection with the matter.

In other business, re-elected board members Gary Gray, Hilton Bialek and Patricia Condren were sworn into office County Superintendent William Barr.

Board members also approved a request for expanded hours for library technical assistants from six to seven hours a day at a cost of \$4,856 a year. They also increased the hours of the library clerks at each school from three to five hours a day at an annual cost of \$13,229.

Assistant Superintendent Rosemary Montgomery said the focus on literature in each of the new state curriculum frameworks demands that the libraries become an integral part of the instructional program. She recommended the expanded hours, and board members unanimously supported her.

Librarians reported to the board about computers now in use at some of the schools.

"One of the things incumbent on us as librarians is to keep abreast of the information retrieval systems," said Lynn Handshy, Tularcitos librarian.

She said she tries to have a balance between technology and "page turning" at her library. "We are certainly not abandoning books."

But as society changes and people are bombarded by information, the computers offer a way to keep abreast of the information, she said. Tularcitos has four computer stations each of which can accommodate two students, she said.

Donna Lewis, Carmel High School librarian, demonstrated the computers now in use at the high school for checking out books and for information storage. Students can refer to magazine articles or complete encyclopedias stored on the machines.

Lewis said all the freshmen were instructed on how to use the computers this fall. About two-thirds of the student body has now had the chance to use the machines through various classes, she said.

The computer equipment has been purchased with funds donated by the Padre Parents, FOCUS and other gifts, Lewis said.

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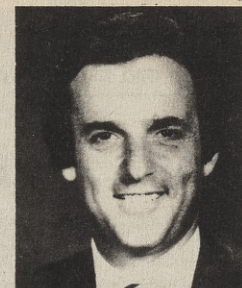
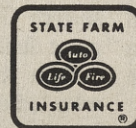
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Caltrans Says Shoulder Parking Poses No Safety Hazard

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a highway like that."

In the 20-month period ending Dec. 31, 1990, he said the .431-mile stretch from mile-marker 70.98 to 71.379 recorded an accident rate of 1.95 accidents per million vehicle miles (a/mvm), compared to a long-term, statewide rate for such roads of 2.04 a/mvm. A 36-month study, ending at the same time, showed an accident rate in front of Monastery Beach of 0.93 a/mvm, and a 10-year analysis also showed a rate there of 1.95 a/mvm, Heath said.

"Very few of the accidents were related to parking on the ocean side," he said. He said a number resulted from people entering and leaving a road leading to the Carmelite Monastery. In the past, he said this prompted Caltrans to work with monastery officials to cut back foliage to increase the sight distances for motorists leaving the access road.

The Carmel City Council, which has been a leader in opposing plans to cut down the old grove behind Bay School, voted Tuesday night to recommend the widening of the Highway 1 shoulder, to continue to allow parking there and to amend the Carmel Area Land Use Plan if necessary. In general, the land use plan states as a goal the elimination of parking on the highway shoulder at Monastery Beach to protect the viewshed.

Asked about possibly widening the shoulder, Pollock said if that is what Monterey County wants to do, Caltrans would examine the possibility. "Whether it would be worth the cost, I don't know," he said.

Pollock also suggested it would be difficult to enforce a ban on shoulder parking if a new lot in the area was not sufficient to meet peak-period demand. The Parks Department has said it has counted up to 100 vehicles parked alongside Highway 1 at the beach on very busy days.

"If the lots weren't big enough to handle peak-period demand, maybe something could be worked out where divers could drop off their equipment at the beach, park their cars at some other location and then walk back to the beach," Pollock said. "I don't know, but we would be willing to look at it."

Pollock added that if the Parks Department decided to charge for parking in a new lot at the beach, chances are some users still would park along the shoulder and take their chances on being ticketed.

Petition Drive Opposes Beach Lot

A petition drive has been launched aimed at collecting 10,000 signatures urging County supervisors to continue to allow shoulder parking at Monastery Beach and to oppose plans for a new parking lot there.

Tom Beardsley, a Monterey stockbroker and parent of a student who attends historic Bay School at the beach a mile south of Carmel, said he had organized team captains to head up the drive in Big Sur, Carmel and Carmel Valley. But he said he also was looking to collect signatures in Pacific Grove, Monterey and Salinas as well.

The petition takes specific aim at a parking lot proposal developed by the State Parks Department in conjunction with the Coastal Commission staff. It calls for construction of a 60-car lot immediately behind Bay School which would destroy a grove of 150-year old eucalyptus trees.

"A parking lot in the eucalyptus grove ignores the Coastal Act and damages the property rights of adjacent landowners and endangers the safety of young children attending Bay School, a 112-year-old local pre-school, and threatens the continued existence of the school itself," the petition said.

It also stated that parking along the shoulder of Highway 1 "provides the greatest degree of conformance to the letter and spirit of the Coastal Act," and noted construction of a new off-highway lot would cost more than \$1 million at a time when the state was running a budget deficit.

It urged that the Carmel Area Land Use Plan be amended to remove a requirement



THE CARMELITE MONASTERY, which gives the beach its name, is seen in this view from the south end of Monastery

Beach looking back across Highway 1 and cars parked along its shoulder.
Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

Capt. Jim Berry, head of the local California Highway Patrol (CHP) station, was asked about enforcing a parking ban on the west side of the highway there. He said CHP personnel were sent out on patrol with instructions to respond to all "observed violations."

"Obviously, writing parking tickets would have a lower priority than responding to accidents or moving violations," Berry said.

The Carmel Area Land Use Plan, specifically citing Monastery Beach, says: "Parking along the highway shoulders in the vicinity of major recreational areas shall be discouraged due to pedestrian and traffic hazards and conflicts."

It calls for construction of an off-highway lot, saying "this parking shall be of highest priority," and specifics, "Immediately upon completion of new off-street parking...parking along the highway shoulder shall be prohibited."

for a new off-highway lot and an end to shoulder parking.

Beardsley said he planned personally to collect signatures at Costco on the weekend and hoped to find someone to do the same at Northridge. But he said some shopping centers would not give permission for opponents to seek signatures.

"We need all the help we can get," Beardsley said, noting it was the busy holiday season when many people were pressed for free time. "I'm grateful for the volunteers we've got."

The Coastal Commission assumed jurisdiction over the matter on Oct. 10 after accepting an appeal from the County's rejection of a Parks Department plan for a 35-car lot at the south end of the beach and a 40-car lot at the north.

In response to public opposition to the 60-car lot proposed for the eucalyptus grove, the commission gave local residents four months to come up with an acceptable alternative.

A number of people have focused on the prospect that the land on the east side of the beach would be purchased by public agencies to keep it from being developed and thus provide a place for an acceptable off-highway lot. But at a public meeting at the site last week, residents agreed that would be very expensive and the best alternative was to leave the parking where it is.



DIVERS Chip Cormier and Walter Boyd, who say they often drive down from the Bay area to dive at Monastery Beach, prepare for a weekend outing. They said Monastery Beach offered the best diving in the region, in part because by parking on the shoulder of Highway 1, they don't have far to walk with their heavy equipment.
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Two-Door Move Lands Carpet Shop In Carmel Zoning Gotcha

Peterson Conway, owner of the Conway of Asia store in Carmel for the past 26 years, recently moved his business just two doors away on Dolores.

For all those years, Conway had been selling jewelry-like ornaments traditionally worn by Afghan rug-weavers. So, when he moved two stores to the north, he asked the city for a use permit that included the sale of jewelry. The Planning Commission turned him down by a vote of 5-0 in yet another example of the need to simplify some of the city's complex zoning regulations.

Conway took his problem to the City Council which sympathized but also turned him down 5-0.

Conway was allowed to sell jewelry when he was at the corner of Dolores and Seventh because the right was grandfathered when the city changed the zoning there to service commercial which does not permit jewelry sales.

When he moved his store to a new location, still within the service commercial district, he lost the grandfathered use. He said he needed the small percentage of jewelry sales to make the oriental carpet store look more interesting, noting that more than 85 percent of his sales were to Monterey Peninsula residents.

"I do hope that some day we have a simplified zoning code," said Mayor Jean Grace after the vote. The council ordered a study of the code a year ago and recommendations are expected in January. (See separate story on page 7).

A separate appeal brought by Rosamund and Co. over the commission's denial of an awning for the Dolores Street business was granted 5-0. Owner Garth Benton told the council he would have an awning made "anyway you want it" because it was essential to keep the sun from fading the artworks in the store.

Councilman Ken White said the municipal code discourages signs on awnings but he voted for it "because there is no other place to put that sign but on the awning."

Councilmen Bob Fischer and Jim Wright said they liked the look of awnings. Wright suggested that they would not be a problem if the city had the ability to require building owners to remove and replace those that deteriorate.

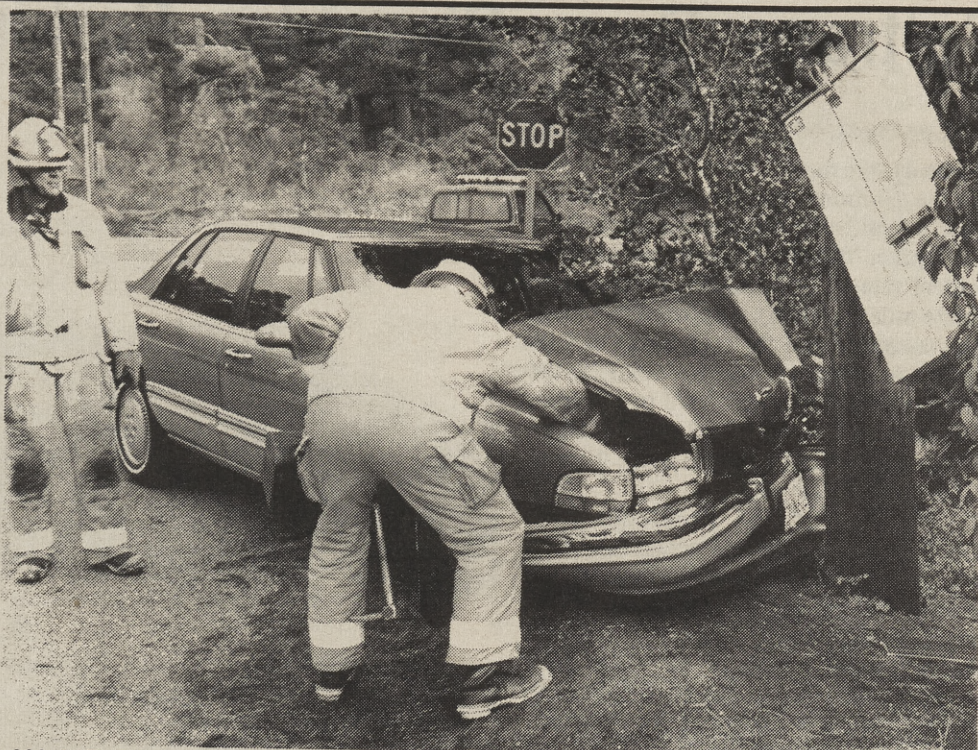
Valley Homeless Benefit Concert Set for Sunday

A "Share the Christmas Spirit" benefit concert for the homeless will take place from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. Dec. 15 at Shanty Malone's at Valley Hills Shopping Center on the Carmel Valley Road.

Jazz, rock and roll and reggae will be featured with a children's hour at 1 p.m. and dancing at 8 p.m.

The suggested donation for the concert is \$10 and proceeds will buy food and presents for a party for the homeless at Sacred Heart Church on West Market and Stone in Salinas on Dec. 21. The homeless will receive a holiday meal and presents.

Last year more than 700 people attended the party, according to Sharlene Hemingway, one of the event's organizers.



AN AIR BAG in this new Buick Park Avenue rental car helped a tourist from Lawton, Okla., avoid serious injury when he skidded out of control and hit a telephone pole at the intersection of Highway 1 and Yankee Point Drive Saturday. Members of the Carmel Highlands Volunteer Fire Department responded to the wreck. Here, a fireman disconnects the car's battery after the mishap.

Sun photo by Stan Hall

Two-Hour Parking Test Approved

Carmel will give two-hour parking in a portion of its commercial district a six-month test effective Dec. 26.

The City Council voted Tuesday to conduct the test proposed by Councilman Bob Fischer. One-hour spaces within the boundaries of Sixth and Seventh Streets and Junipero and Monte Verde will be converted to two-hour spaces except on Ocean Avenue which will remain unchanged.

Officials said about 510 one-hour spaces will be affected. The cost of the move is estimated at \$36,870 in the loss of parking ticket revenue, one of the city's major revenue sources.

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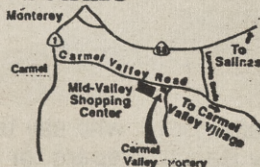
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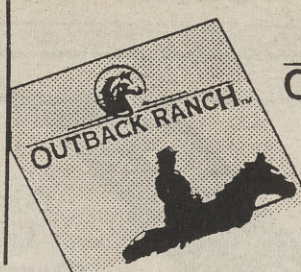
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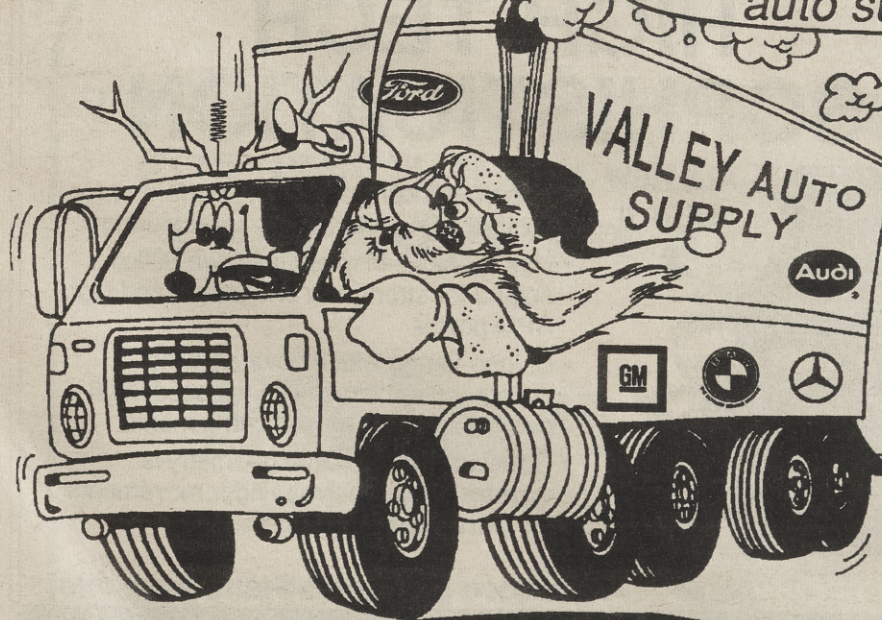


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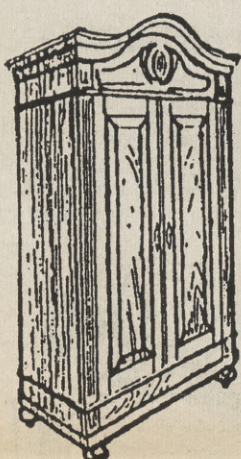


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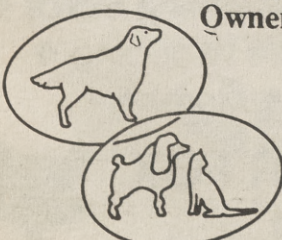
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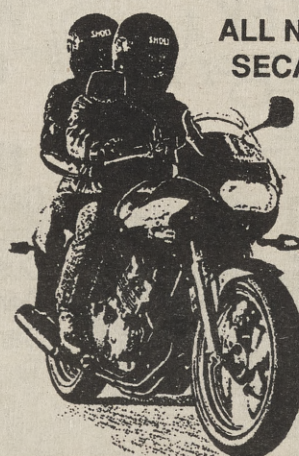
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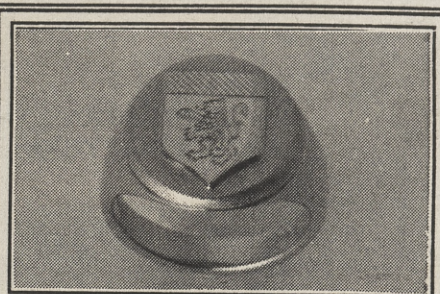
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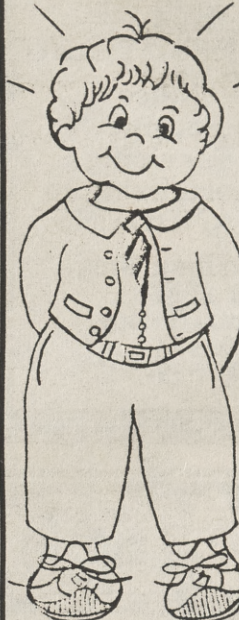
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By Carolyn Rice

Local union representatives asked the Carmel Unified School Board to drop its plans to build an addition to Captain Cooper Elementary School in Big Sur using volunteers rather than union labor.

At the board's regular meeting Dec. 5, Ron Chessar, a representative of the District Council of Carpenters, told members that public works law requires that public projects which cost more than \$15,000 in labor and materials must be bid out. "You're looking at a situation that should be bid out," he said.

Did the union understand that the project would be impossible if it couldn't be done with volunteer labor, asked board member Frank Pinney, a general contractor who lives in Big Sur?

Paul Behan, teaching principal from Captain Cooper, estimated the proposed addition of a multipurpose room of some 1,600 square-feet would cost \$125,000 if built by volunteers and \$250,000 if contracted out. A number of parents of students there work in the building trades and have volunteered to work on the addition, he said.

The board took no action as the union representatives, after discussing the issue with the board, seemed to soften and leave the door open to using a combination of volunteers and union members on the project.

"The nature of this project makes it hard for us to look the other way," said John E. Bandarra, a representative from the local plumber's union. "The project is clearly a public works project."

"One of the major benefits of any public works project is the creation of wage paying jobs to local trades workers," said a letter the union representatives presented to the board.

Bandarra also said he was aware that the school district failed last year to win voter approval of a parcel tax to fund facilities maintenance and repair. The tax needed a two-thirds majority, but narrowly failed when it got a 62 percent favorable vote.

Behan said the proposed room would be a large open area with a kitchen, a small stage and would be attached to one end of the existing building.

"The sad part about it is the community

really wants it," he said. "If it weren't on the school site, the public works laws wouldn't have to be involved."

Behan said the Grange Hall in Big Sur is used almost every night of the year, and some nights more than one group wants to meet there. "It would ease the load on the Grange," he said of the proposed room.

During the past 12 or 13 years the Captain Cooper Parent Club has collected about \$35,000 towards the project, Behan said.

"We don't object to volunteers on certain projects," Bandarra said. "But this project doesn't lend itself to be built with volunteers off the street."

In the letter, the unions said, "This is a major addition in relation to the entire school, an integral part of the structure, which must be built in the most responsible way possible."

Board member Gary Gray asked if the union's objection was based on the absence of compensation or the absence of skill of those who would be doing the work.

The union representatives present did not answer his question directly, but in the letter to the board, the unions declared: "With employment and job availability within the construction industry in Monterey County at an all time low, our efforts to identify and secure employment for these idle workers and contractors becomes increasingly important."

Chessar also said with a volunteer project, "You'd have a project here with no one heading it up." He said the union members had a long discussion before they decided to object to the project. "We didn't reach this decision hastily. We agonized over it," he said.

Pinney responded, "We have a general contractor who would pull the plan." He also said using volunteers wouldn't necessarily exclude union labor from also working on the project.

"I can't think of anything (in Big Sur) that has been built without private donations." He said the health center, Grange and firehouse had all been built by volunteers.

"I believe all these laws were put into force for reasons, but they were written by people like us," Pinney said, "so we should be able to work through them."



COOKIES AND OTHER HOLIDAY GOODIES got a lot of attention at the Mid Carmel Valley Fire Department's traditional Christmas tree lighting Friday night. The 50-foot-tree on the mountainside above Mid Valley has been lit every holiday since 1963.

Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

George Crow Lights Mid Valley Tree

Longtime Carmel Valley resident George Crow threw the switch to light the 50-foot, mid valley, hillside Christmas tree Friday. Crow, 87, attended lighting ceremonies at the Mid Valley Fire Department with his wife, Julia, and son, Tom. The Crows also have a daughter, Martha.

Residents ate cookies and drank eggnog before the lighting. Fire Chief Gary Carmichael said several volunteer crews had

worked on the tree to prepare it for lighting this year, and he wasn't positive it would light as they'd had a few problems with it.

"It will," said Joe Noto, a Valley resident. "I saw them test it at 5 this afternoon."

Noto also told The Sun that Crow had hit 24 out of 25 clay pigeons in a recent Carmel Associated Sportsman Club shooting competition.



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BRUSHSTROKES

By Anita DeCarlo

Every three or four months I need to plug back into children's art. There's freshness and hope in the art of children, and something else I guess that I bring to it, that the arts should be a vital part of American public education. Unfortunately, it is not. It is a fringe tacked on and independent of the "important" subjects.

Recently, I had lunch and conversation with Laurie Boone, principal of All Saints' Episcopal Day School. Laurie Boone believes in the old fashioned classical education which incorporates the arts into the curriculum equally with academics.

It was exciting for me to listen to her impassioned description of the involvement of music, drama and art into the lives of the students at her school. But, then All Saints' is a private school and the student/teacher ratio is small.

We can't do that in our public schools. California, as a matter of fact, has one of the highest student-to-teacher ratios in the country. And, either government does not allocate enough money for education, or the education system does not use it wisely. Or both. But outside of those very real concerns is the battle waged over curriculum: emphasis on the sciences, emphasis on the humanities, team teaching and individualized instruction of the '60s, now back to the four "R's"... readin', ritin', rithmetic and regimentation.

When funds are reduced the first to go are art, drama, music. For a while federal studies indicated our youth were less fit than those of other countries. Physical education was stressed in the curriculum. The President himself was pushing for more stringent concern with physical education. Students who did well in sports were more loudly lauded than academic achievers.

Has any public personage, official or other, raised any hue and cry about American students being less versed in the arts than Europeans or Asians or others? Well, no. But then what I am talking about isn't something that is measured or tested, exactly. The value of art does not just consist of developing good taste, or knowing an oil from a watercolor or a Degas from a Van Gogh.

Do the arts develop and enrich human personality and cultivate creativity? Remember, to progress, mathematicians and scientists must be creative.

Visual perception is the newborn's first useable tool to collect information for his survival. From these early collections of information about Mom or any particular object or event, he can begin to grasp generalities. Primitive man used art as a fundamental means of orienting and organizing the world in order to try to understand himself and his world. We know this because we can look at Eskimo art and gain some small insight into how they perceived and still perceive their world; or the cave drawings; the ancients of anywhere. What about pop art and what these artists had to say about the world in which they lived?

The artist is a perceptual thinker. He is able to conceive of complex problems and events in visual terms. I have always called the pop artist social critics. Having left the '60s behind, I can look at Andy Warhol and the others' work and RECOGNIZE that era I lived in and marvel at their ability to have so explicitly

rendered it. Visually.

The point is the acceptance of art, the doing of it and seeing (or hearing) expands the individual's own ability to perceive and organize information - whether he is a math student or science oriented, history buff or English major. Art is visual form, and visual form stimulates productive thinking.

In a way, we've made too much of art. I mean in the sense we've isolated it and stuck it in museums, usually granite fortresses. And that we've only called THAT art. Just as civilizations before us produced functional art, so do we. It is problems solved in visual form. Adults think too hard about it.

As an adult ed teacher, my students come to me so timid and self conscious. I have to remind them they've been "doing" art all their lives: dressing themselves, arranging their homes, planting their gardens. Making things from choices they make about how to solve a problem.

So, as I said, every three or four months, I need a dose of child art. The untimid the unselfconscious. At Carmel Valley Manor, I looked at the wonderful Christmas art done by Peter Hiller's second and fourth grade students at All Saints' School and marveled at the intuitive arrangements of color in the rectangle: a lovely red Santa in front of the green and ornamented tree which is organized in little negatives under and around Santa's arms and head. What a lot of information, how well organized and how incidentally well composed.

Did you ever think where the word composed comes from? It means at peace. If you or a picture is composed it is at peace. We're born with this need for peace and order. Who can sit in a doctor's office and look at a crooked picture!? Children haven't yet learned to question their decisions about color and shape placement. They naturally bring a rectangle to a balanced finish.

But more than those visual resolutions of aesthetics (composition), I want you to look at these pictures for the wonderful way the children solved their problems of information, how they organized their thoughts (which begin as visual images) and ordered their story for you.

One of the many I find marvelous is an interior corner lit up in an otherwise all dark house. The whole rectangle is dark except for this corner. How do we know it is a house? Just two lit windows in that all dark top half, and then out of the dark as it moves down the page is carved a stairway. There in the corner is a lit room, tree and Santa.

These pictures are not titled or identified by artist. Hmmm. But I wish to thank all these artistic young people for allowing me to use their lovely pieces to tell everyone that art is a fundamental process for thought production, and people deprived of art have about as much personality and creative potential as mildew!

Correction: I would like to apologize most sincerely to Marc D'Estout who is the art director at the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art. Michael Kainer, whom I lauded last week for setting up the Alan Shepp show, and Stephen DeStaebler worked as an assistant to Mr. D'Estout. Mr. Kainer assured me all that wonderful work was due to Mr. D'Estout's efforts.



RAPTORS OF CALIFORNIA, a special photographic exhibit on birds of prey from the Oakland Museum, opened Wednesday at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History.

CARMEL CURRENTS



CLAYTON ANDERSON, A DIRECTOR of Friends of Carmel Forest, helps dig the hole for one of three Monterey Pines taken by the Northeast Neighbors Association under the Adopt-a-Tree program. Yvonne McBride, incoming president of the Soroptomist International of Carmel Bay, which co-sponsored the program with the Friends group, holds a watering can while Noel VanBibber, president of the Northeast Neighbors Association holds one of the trees.

1992 To Be Proclaimed the Year of The Forest with Special Projects

The City Council Tuesday voted to proclaim 1992 the "Year of the Forest in Carmel-by-the-Sea" in recognition that "this feature more than any other makes this city unique and special."

"An urban forest requires special care," City Forester Gary Kelly said in a memorandum. "Regeneration of pines is non-existent, the enrichment of soil by the decaying of organic material is not present, roots must compete for space with streets and buildings and development has reduced open space available for tree planting."

He noted that many of the large pines that create the "village in a forest" atmosphere were planted about the time Carmel was incorporated in 1916. "They are reaching the end of their life and a part of our heritage will be lost with them."

The Forest and Beach Commission said perpetuation of the urban forest should receive the heightened community awareness and participation that an official proclamation would bring.

Also proposed is the development of some 40 mini-parks in the residential and commercial district, five of them to be built in each district in 1992. Also planned are workshops for contractors and architects regarding how to safeguard trees on construction sites.

Also supporting the special year of the forest would be the Friends of Carmel Forest's adopt a tree program, tree walks led by the Forest and Beach Department staff, an aggressive tree planting program and educational workshops for residents covering various aboriginal techniques.

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OUT AND ABOUT

By Stan Hall

It isn't often that I tip my hat to government—any department, any jurisdiction. And if any agency is my least favorite of all, it's got to be the Internal Revenue Service.

But this year, I've got to give the federal revenooers their due. They're all heart.

For several years, the IRS has been sending out new yearly income tax forms to taxpayers before the holidays. Not only did this help clog up the already sluggish mails, it put a distinct damper on Christmas cheer.

You'd rush down to the mailbox to see if Uncle Charlie sent you a check for a Christmas, and there it would be waiting like a silent, deadly viper—your income tax form.

The form would send a shiver down your spine the first time you caught sight of it there in the mailbox, hiding under that last gasp of holiday catalogues and the first flyers hawking pre-Christmas sales.

Umpteen pages long. Written in some incomprehensible dialect that claimed to be English. Filled with warnings of "penalties under law" if you did this or didn't do that.

In your heart, you knew that you'd eventually have to fill it out and sign it: "Under penalty of

The IRS must have gotten a new PR guy—the one the President said was all that was necessary to fix the economy.

perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct and complete."

How could you celebrate the season realizing that lay ahead of you?

True, it didn't have to be completed for four and a half months. But you couldn't put it out of your mind. It was sort of like knowing that you were going to have to go to the dentist one of these days. That darned income tax form, lying there still and seemingly harmless under a pile of bills, was enough to cast a Bah-Humbbug pall over the whole Christmas spirit.

If you were really sensitive, it could not only

spoil your Christmas, but actually ruin your New Year's, too. Oh, people still might go out on Dec. 31 and get a snootfull. But it was mainly because they were worrying about that waiting IRS form, not because they were celebrating the dawning of a new year.

I understand that in some big towns, bars actually put up signs that said, "If you drink to forget, please pay in advance." Can you imagine the IRS having the bad taste to send out the new forms before people really had a chance to feel all warm and fuzzy over Christmas?

Well, this year, the IRS turned over a new leaf. With great fanfare, the revenooers announced they would not put the forms in the mail to millions of quaking American taxpayers until after the Christmas holidays.

I mean, how thoughtful can a bureaucrat be? It almost restores your faith in the civil servancy. Here's an agency that is the epitome of cold, distant, heartless government—and the people who work there actually want us to have a Merry Christmas, free from care about next year's income tax.

What a marvelous time we live in! First the Berlin Wall came down. Then Soviet Communism declared itself a failure, and some of the former republics actually got their independence. And now, the IRS wants to change! The next thing you know, Congress and the President really will try to cut spending.

It almost sounds too good to be true, doesn't it? Of all the monolithic, authoritarian agencies in the world, if the IRS is changing—or even trying to change—we truly must be seeing the creation of a New World Order.

But let me warn you, don't get your hopes too high. You've heard about leopards and about their spots. You've heard about dies and about how once they're cast, they're cast.

I think maybe what happened here is that the IRS somehow got a new public relations guy. You know, the one the President said was really all that was necessary to fix the nation's economy.

I can see it now. This bright, young PR guy rushes in and tells the entrenched IRS bureaucrats: "You've only got an image problem. Well, we can fix that."

Having been a PR guy, I know from experience that sometimes your best laid plans simply

don't work. You think you've devised a fool-proof strategy to make the old XYZ Company and/or its widgets respected and/or loved.

But the press and the public don't bite. They see through your plan immediately, turn up their noses and continue to dislike old XYZ and ignore its products.

The same thing likely could happen here to the IRS. What if people still don't think kindly of the IRS even when they don't get their new tax

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forms until after the first of the year? The public is smart, you know—smarter than most PR guys ever acknowledge.

Do you think there's a chance that Uncle Sam's revenooers would take that next daring step and adopt a philosophy that's certainly appropriate this time of year? It's the philosophy were were all supposed to be taught as children: "It's more blessed to give than receive."

But sell the idea at the IRS? Naah, never. Not even the new hotshot PR guy could make it fly. Whether it sends out its forms now or later, the IRS's basically a collector, not a giver.

But, all of you, please take advantage of what little the IRS is willing to give. Have the best holiday season you've had in years. You can start to worry about your income taxes in January.

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History Society Sets Yule Party

By Elizabeth Barratt

It's that season of the year again to celebrate with one of our famous History Society parties! For a change, we're holding this year's event in the daytime! The date is December 14, 1991, the place is Rosie's Cracker Barrel and the party time is from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Besides the ham and turkey to be provided, members are asked to bring a pot luck dish to share, whether that's to be a salad, main dish casserole or a dessert. Please contact one of our Christmas Party committee members if you can help with decoration, cleanup or organizing: the Gregorys, Dolores McGlochlin, Judy Nicholson, Stephanie Culbert, or Julie Risdon. Anyone who wants to contribute wine is cordially invited to bring it along! We look forward to seeing you and having one of our uproarious good times!

As always, we're looking for ways to raise funds for our proposed museum. Stew Clough reported that the Carmel Valley History Society had applied for county grant funds, and we were awarded \$1,000! He explained that the 14 groups applying had originally asked for a total of \$264,000 in monies. The county had only \$50,000 total to award this year. So, we are very grateful for the award and consider this our "foot in the door" towards looking for future grant applications.

Stephanie Culbert is busily adding on to our growing Library collection! She's haunted used book stores and book search services for history books and related subjects pertinent to Carmel Valley history. Our two latest library additions are *Monterey County Place Names*, a new release by Don Clark, and *People at the Edge of the World*, about the Ohlones. Stephanie said she recently met with Don Howard who passed on a number of his books to her for our library. Don also offered to make us copies of documents in his files on Carmel Valley history topics. Any books you might like to donate which are pertinent to the history of California, Monterey County, or Carmel Valley are tax-deductible and very much appreciated.

Member Marvin Pylate has been in close touch with the Army at Fort Hunter Liggett and has attended the most recent public meeting on the proposed 154 housing units to be built at the Infantry Road side, outside the viewshed of Mission San Antonio. He says the Army has provided us with up to date information on developments.

Piano restorer and expert Ellsworth Gregory says we're finally about to go pick up

the Hatton piano which was recently donated to the Society by descendants of the Hatton family. The piano is thought to be possibly the first in the Valley and once occupied the Hatton home.

Soon, the History Society will be voting for new board members. Input and participation is wanted and needed to assist the Carmel Valley History Society to help preserve the Valley's past for the future. Your donations, membership and volunteer efforts are appreciated. The Carmel Valley History Society meets Tuesdays at 7:340 pm at Rosie's Cracker Barrel on Esquiline Road, right over Rosie's Bridge. Come and join! You'll make new friends, see old ones, and have a good time, too!

Water Ordinance Change Proposed

The City Council authorized revisions to Carmel's water ordinance Tuesday to be in place once a new California-American Water Co. well is on line in Seaside.

Associate Planner Brian Roseth told the council the ordinance required amendment because of a fundamental change in the nature of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's allocation program.

"It is my belief that before Carmel-by-the-Sea's share of this water can be used, the city's ordinance will need to be amended," he said.

Roseth said the city's current ordinance assumes that the allocation would include base use—existing customers—as well as water for growth but it now appears that the new allocation will only include water for growth, "a change long sought by the city."

He suggested the ordinance should implement a new hierarchy of priorities for new development as follows:

1. Allow land use changes/remodeling of all types if no additional water resources are required.
2. Honor past commitments for new water resources.
3. Provide for vacant lots of record.
4. Allow residential growth on underutilized land.
5. Allow commercial growth on underutilized land.



PICKING OUT some prize seedlings is Thomas Schwirzke of Monterey, one of scores of area residents who took advantage of the 28th annual pine seedling distribution by the Carmel Forest and Beach Commission Saturday. Helping out with the program at the Carmel post office parking lot this year was the Friends of Carmel Forest.

Sun photo by Stan Hall

Unpopular Promotion Brochures Sit Unused

Carmel spent \$17,400 to have promotional brochures about the seaside city printed in July at the urging of the Arts and Hospitality Committee. The city was told it would get the money back as the brochures were sold to business members of the committee.

Instead, the council was told Tuesday, only three purchases were made and the city has 92,300 copies of the brochure "consuming valuable storage space."

"In addition," said City Administrator Doug Schmitz, "It is not cost-effective for these documents, which were to be used to encourage the promotion and marketing of the community, to sit in storage unused." He proposed they be given away at city facilities.

Schmitz said only three members of the hospitality industry had purchased the brochures for a total cost of \$1,360 and none were bought by the arts community. The cost was 17 cents each.

The council had voted to go along with

the proposal which was the primary emphasis of a report Feb. 5 from the Arts and Hospitality Committee. It approved spending \$15,000 in March and awarded the contract to Kathryn B. Stark Graphic Design.

On Tuesday, Councilman Jim Wright suggested that instead of having the city give out the brochures, they should be distributed outside the city because they "are of more value out of the community than in it." The council voted to send the problem back to the committee whose chairman is Councilman Ken White.

"I hope we've learned a lesson," said Mayor Jean Grace. "We threw a lot of money at it and it fizzled. A lot of rhetoric came to nothing. It's a nice brochure but the hospitality and arts community didn't pick up on it."

"That was supposed to be a year-long program," White said. "It needs to shake itself down."



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Eastwood, Allies Defeat Proposal

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Mom and Apple Pie." Beyond that, he complained it would insult the committee members and tell them their efforts had been a waste of time.

"It's very hard as council members to find really good people to serve on committees," he said. "There's no money in it, no glory in it....the committees deserve consideration of all these reports before you run off and put them on the ballot, before you call it a day."

"It's not right for elected officials to take something to the ballot," Mayor Jean Grace told Wright. She told him she failed to see the point in his proposal which said that the response would save the council time since it would be able to dismiss certain policy issues from further discussion and consideration, but, "then you say they're advisory and not binding."

"I believe I know what kind of position the residents of this community would take on these issues," Wright said. But, he lacked the votes for passage when Councilman Ken White objected, saying, "I'd rather hear the candidates talk about these issues than have the public talking about it."

"It is a survey of public opinion," Councilman Bob Fischer said. "We have a city election coming up. The water should not be muddled by items that would be part of general discussion. Attention would be diverted from the issues."

"I do not support a questionnaire in a general election for council. You do not interfere with the candidates. Let them have a free hand without being tainted!" "Did you mean to say 'tainted'?" Wright demanded. "Yes, tainted," Fischer insisted.

"I'd like to ask Councilman Wright what I should say to the members of the Planning Commission?" Chairman Carla Ramsey inquired. "We've been working for a year on our zoning report, hopefully to be sent to the council in January. We plan...a joint meeting with the Parking Committee. It's worked about three years. What should our role be if these things should go on the ballot?"

"There would be no change," Wright said. "If your report says we should eliminate current policies that encourage resident-serving businesses, then I think that is of interest to members of the residential community."

"It preempts three years of work



PLAYERS FROM GROVEMONT THEATER entertained children at Devendorf Park Friday with a performance of Alice in Wonderland's Mad Hatter Tea Party. The festivities

preceded Carmel's annual tree lighting ceremonies and helped kick off a British Christmas promotion.

Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

with the parking study by taking segments of it to the public," declared an angry Alan Williams, chairman of the Ad Hoc Parking Committee which strongly recommended public hearings on its conclusions.

"I wish you'd been there a bit more," Williams told Wright who was the council representative on the parking committee. "Maybe that was your strategy, not to be there so you could challenge it."

"Ten years ago we took a poll," Williams recalled. "It went from there to the Planning Commission to the City Council who bastardized it, just like this list. The people were given half questions. It's not the way to do business. It's contrary to the democratic process. People who serve on committees will know the council does whatever they damn please."

Only Linda Anderson, a member of the Carmel Residents Association (CRA), spoke in defense of Wright. "The list is only a list for possible discussion," she said. "They're all boiler plate issues. I think it would be nice to separate the men from the boys."

Howard Nieman, a former member of the

Planning Commission, called the idea "appalling...grossly unfair. It's like stabbing the public in the back."

"It's an electioneering kind of stunt," he charged. "It would set the tone and agenda for the upcoming campaign. This is a totally inappropriate function for the city to fulfill. It would be a new low in city government if we went forward with this kind of scheme."

Pat Sippel, who served on the Landlord/Tenant Committee, complained that four of the proposed questions were dealt with in the committee's report but, "the only time that report was dealt with by the council was two or three months ago at 10:30 at night. There's been no hearing at all of that report. The Ocean Avenue idea is in that report."

Eastwood, Nieman, Sippel and Williams are all members of the Voice of Carmel, a local group that has taken several recent polls on local issues.

"I'm surprised you'd object to asking the public questions," Wright told Williams. "I don't mind you putting these questions up once the council has dealt with them and

there have been public hearings," Williams said.

Grace agreed, "There is nothing to equal public hearings...people who are really interested in an issue will come to public hearings. Others won't vote in a terribly knowledgeable way."

CV Library Yule Party Set

Storyteller Shelly Cullin will present a program of holiday tales for children of all ages at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 18 at Carmel Valley Library. Refreshments will be served, and everyone is welcome.

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No Cachagua Property Meeting

Because of the holiday season, the Cachagua Area Property Owners Association will not meet Thursday night. The next meeting will be Jan. 12.



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TROWEL & HOE

By Mark Eaton

In mid-December in coastal Northern California, we have much to enjoy in the garden. Bedding plants like pansies and primroses spruce up pots and borders, camellias are just coming into their own and early blooming varieties of native manzanitas with their delicate pinkish-white bells decorate both tended garden and countryside.

Playing second fiddle to no other plants are those that are at the end of their yearly cycle, the shrubs and trees that bear colorful winter berries. Our region boasts an impressive array of plants both native and cultivated in this category.

Although there are hundreds of varieties of plants that have berries and fruits this time of year, we will concentrate on those specifically with red and orange berries, as these are more in keeping with the holiday spirit.

The most prominent native shrub with reddish berries is *Heteromeles arbutifolia*, known under the common names of Toyon, Christmas Berry or California Holly. California Holly is perhaps the least appropriate name, as it is not related to the hollies at all, but is a member of the rose family.

Dozens of Toyons with their colorful red to orange berries can be seen right now along Carmel Valley Road on embankments, hillsides and in small canyons. With its dark green, leathery leaves and clusters of white flowers in spring, Toyon makes an excellent background in the garden. It is a California native that does well in cultivation.

Perhaps the most commonly used red and

orange berried plant—and another member of the rose family—is the *Pyracantha*. Drought resistant and hardy to close to zero degrees Fahrenheit, the *Pyracantha* or firethorn has been a mainstay barrier plant in California gardens for decades.

If you have ever tackled a large firethorn with pruning shears, then you know the significance of its common name. The vicious thorns are to be dealt with carefully to avoid injury. *Pyracanthas* are available from low ground cover types to massive upright shrubs that reach 12 feet. There are at least 15-20 varieties in the nursery trade.

They are a favorite for training along a wall as an espalier. Perhaps no other shrub bears as many colorful berries per square foot of surface area as many varieties of *Pyracantha*.

No other berried shrub reminds us of the holidays like the many and varied hollies. The genus *Ilex*, which ranges from small rounded shrubs to tall, pyramid-shaped trees, has spent a lot of time being illustrated on holiday greeting cards. Branches with bright red berries are cut for indoor decoration and flower arrangements. Very hardy, and especially at home on the Monterey Peninsula because of moisture in the air, hollies prefer acid soil and will look more lush with partial shade.

Most hollies are either male or female plants, the females bearing berries, but there are a few self-pollinators, the most popular being the English holly known as "San Gabriel." Most of the beautiful variegated leaf hollies are males and do not have berries, but are worthwhile for their foliage alone.



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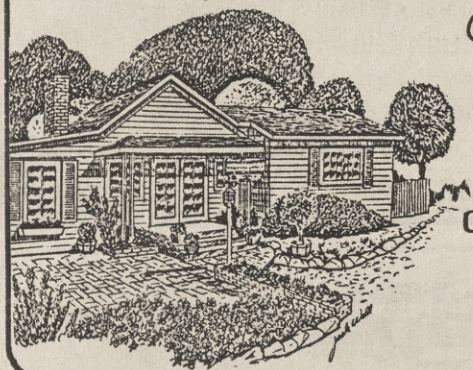
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The genus *Cotoneaster*, like *Pyracantha*, is yet another member of the rose family, and like *Pyracantha*, comes in ground cover form up to tall, arching shrubs. The most common upright type, so prolific in this area that some think of it as a California native, is the Red Clusterberry or *Cotoneaster lacteus*.

This very drought-resistant, gray-green shrub with many red berries looks best as an informal background plant and requires virtually no effort once established. You see them in the area clipped into box and rounded shapes which is an unfortunate use for this excellent evergreen shrub. To give it proper room without severe clipping is to make the best display of its winter berry show.

The English Hawthorn or *Crateagus laevigata* is the one deciduous tree we'll discuss. Pretty spring flowers in white, pink or red and bronzy fall leaf colors are coupled by a fall and winter season of bright red small fruit. They are small trees, reaching 18-25 high with a 20-foot spread and are suitable for smaller lots. They are drought resistant once established, but look healthier with a good soaking once a month in summer.

We've examined a few genera of plants with outstanding winter berries. The current edition of *The Sunset Western Garden Book* has a good reference list of many others starting on page 149.

Our Christmas scenes may not consist of bright, white snow and horse-drawn sleighs, but on the Monterey Peninsula, we have no shortage of plants with winter berries to brighten the holiday season.

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Carmel Urges High Court Deny Rental Ban Review

The City of Carmel urged the California Supreme Court to deny review of a lower court order upholding its ban on short-term rentals and refuse a request by landlords to stay enforcement of the controversial ordinance.

City Attorney Donald G. Freeman contended in a response to the landlords' request for review that the Sixth District Court of Appeals had correctly held that Carmel's police power could be used to restrict short-term vacation and other rentals to nonresidential districts.

Granting review, he argued, "would enable the courts to undertake an unprecedented examination of the city's exercise of its police power by second-guessing the legislative goals and means of the ordinance."

Attorney Michael Masuda, acting for John W. Ewing and a group of fellow landlords, told the high court that, if the published decision were allowed to stand, it would encourage cities and counties throughout the state to enact and enforce laws "which unconstitutionally restrict homeowners from enjoying the use of their homes." Fifty-one California cities supported Carmel's defense of the ordinance.

Freeman characterized as "entirely false" the appellants' claim that the ordinance restricts their right "to welcome guests into their homes," noting that the appeals court rejected the claim as "an obvious illusion."

Nor, he said, was the ordinance unreasonable because, "the right to unilaterally swap residentially zoned properties into bed and breakfast inns or hotel units is not an intrinsic property right."

The appeals court said the record showed that about 950 units were rented on a short term basis in Carmel's residential areas for up to \$100 a night. After the deci-

sion was announced, the city prepared to enforce the ordinance on a complaint basis but has yet to do so. It carries a maximum penalty of \$500 per day upon conviction.

Freeman said the appellants' argument "makes no common sense, ignores the ordinance's legislative history and distorts the facts. It substitutes semantics for legal reasoning" by claiming that the ordinance prevents a homeowner from entertaining non-paying houseguests.

For the high court to grant injunctive relief, Freeman said, would harm the people of the city "and the amount of injury cannot be readily determined or even expressed in dollars and cents."

He dismissed the landlords' claim that they may not be able to financially support their properties unless they are rented as short-term units, saying that "supplementing one's income by taking in paying guests is not a protected attribute of home ownership."

If the high court were to grant the injunction, Freeman contended "the city will be in a far less favorable position than at any time after the decisions of the trial court and court of appeal..." because such a stay would hand the landlords "precisely the relief" they were denied thus far.

Flanders Sublease Approved

The City Council Tuesday approved a \$500 a month sublease agreement between Carmel Heritage and the Carmel Art Institute for the historic Flanders Mansion.

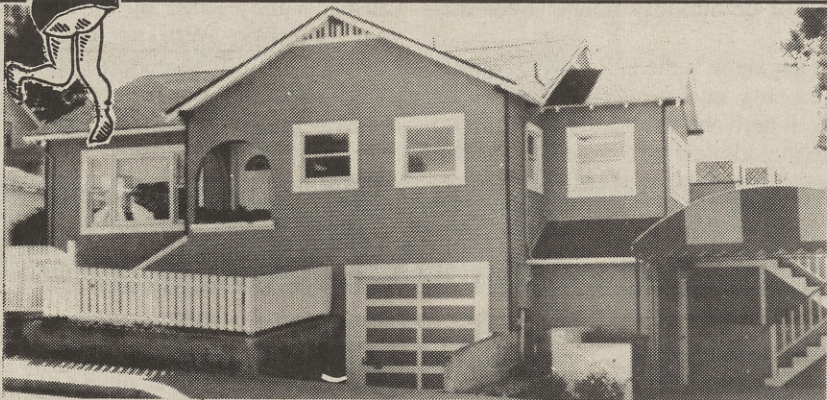
Carmel Heritage leases the house on a 99-year agreement with the city which purchased the property in 1972. The group occupies the second floor and proposed to sublease most of the first floor to the institute.



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Dale Hekhuis Set for Second Year As Water District Board Chairman

By Stan Hall

Dale Hekhuis, one of the strongest supporters of desalination on the board, is in line to serve a second year as chairman of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District during 1992.

"Of course," Hekhuis replied when asked if he would be willing to accept reappointment. "But it's a decision of the board."

Formal action to reorganize the board for the new year will not be taken until a Jan. 27 meeting. But a nominating committee met Monday and agreed to recommend that Hekhuis serve a second year as chairman and Ken Long a second year as vice chairman.

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman, who serves on the board and was on the nominating committee, told the *Sun* that the decision was unanimous.

"We agreed that the district is headed in the right direction—that there's good will and good communication on the board, and we want to maintain that good will and good communication."

From the *Sun's* discussions with members of the board, it seemed clear that the majority would go along with the committee's recommendation.

Hekhuis, a retired General Electric financial executive who lives in Carmel, has served two years of his first four-year term. After one year on the board, he was elected last January to succeed Dick Heuer as chairman.

Hekhuis has used his position to push hard for a desalination plant on Monterey Bay to provide additional water to the region that is not dependent on rainfall. He also was instrumental in putting together a loose alliance of coastal cities considering desalination so that they could learn from each other's technical, environmental and political efforts.

Long, vice chairman of the board who normally would succeed Hekhuis, praised him when asked about who might be chairman next year.

"Dale has done a great job," said Long, a retired Los Angeles fire chief who lives in Pebble Beach. "I'm very supportive of him."

Some members said they believed that Long, who has served on the board a year and a half, having been appointed after the death of Bob Russell, may feel that he should serve longer before becoming chairman. He was elected to a two-year term last November.

Asked about his views, Long told the *Sun*: "I'll do whatever board members decide. Being chairman is not a big deal to me. My main concern is to get a water project."

Since the agency's creation in 1977, its chairmen typically have served two years. But some have served three years and others only one. Heuer only served one year as chairman after the 1989 elections, but he had previously served two consecutive terms before Nick Lombardo was elevated to chairman.

Long said that philosophically, he and Hekhuis tended to agree on the major issues that come before the board, although they sometimes differ on lesser items. He said it was not surprising that members frequently disagreed. "That's a group of strong-minded people," Long said.

Other members of the nominating committee were Jim Hughes of Pacific Grove and Mayor Robert Franco of Del Rey Oaks.

Rio Road Station Addition Approved By Supervisors

County supervisors unanimously approved \$42,945 for construction of a room addition to the County Service Area 43 fire station on Rio Road in Carmel.

They also approved \$2,875 for replacement of stairs and \$1,175 for plumbing repairs.

Progressive Pacific Construction and Development submitted the low bid for the project.

The addition will provide a 15 by 15 foot office and storage space. The ceiling will also be raised so that the building could accommodate a second story should additional space be needed in the future, according to Captain Dan Frost.

Frost said all of the station's records and projects are currently stored in the living space, and it is very crowded. The stairs are being replaced because of termite and wood rot damage, Frost said.

A report to the supervisors said only one of the four shower heads currently works and other plumbing is leaky.

CSA 43 provides fire and emergency medical service from the mouth of the Valley out to Via Petra in mid Carmel Valley.



THANKING SUPERVISOR Karin Strasser Kauffman for her help in getting a half mile of San Remo Road paved is Carmel Highlands resident Leland Lewis. Looking on is Gerald Gromko, County Public Works director. Residents of the area paid half the \$12,000 cost, said Lewis, who added he had been trying to get the dirt stretch of road paved since 1972. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

Count Shows CV Road at Trigger Threshold

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Valley Road." Now completed, the EIR will go to the board for approval on Dec. 17.

It calls for widening Carmel Valley Road from Via Petra to Robinson Canyon Road, a 4.4 mile extension of four lane roadway that would include segment 6. However, some opposition appears to be building to the extension of the four-lane section.

Strasser Kauffman said a separate EIR is being prepared on the proposed extension of the four-lane section of Carmel Valley Road. It should be completed "by the middle of next year," she said, and serve as the basis of community debate over that project.

As for segment 3, the EIR said "shoulder improvements and widening should be undertaken here and extended to Pilot Road and may include left turn channelization at

intersections as warranted."

The introduction of the EIR notes "a degree of controversy has arisen due to variations in the traffic counts obtained for Carmel Valley Road. Because the traffic threshold has the potential to suspend growth and development in the Valley, it is important that reliable methods of monitoring traffic conditions be utilized in analysis."

In the latest report to the board, the Public Works and Planning Departments noted that permanent traffic counting machines had been approved by the supervisors and would be installed along Carmel Valley Road in the current fiscal year. "Public Works staff are also investigating traffic counting devices that would automate the collection of vehicle headway data used in determining Levels of Service," the report added.

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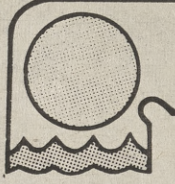
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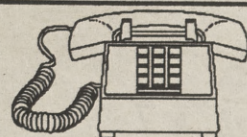
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Council Dilemma

Could Carmel Become a Plastic City?

With much of the charm of Carmel vested in its wooden signs and benches, redwood shake roofs and the almost exclusive use of natural wood products, the City Council had a difficult time Tuesday voting to promote the use of plastic.

"I'm not prepared to have Carmel become a plastic city," said Councilman Jim Wright, noting that there are a number of city policies "that really discourage the use of plastics."

Still, the council voted 5-0 to enact a policy that a list of manmade materials be adopted for construction of public improvements "where feasible" in a resolution recognizing that only 10 percent of the ancient redwood forest continues to survive.

City Forester Gary Kelly said he had trouble between the concerns of his job and his "second hat" as a recycler: "It's an aesthetic question the Council has to be concerned with...part of Carmel is the rustic appearance of benches and signs. I'm really on the fence."

Councilman Bob Fischer put another

item on the agenda that was adopted calling for a city workshop Jan. 21 on banning redwood shakes for roofing and replacement of city benches and signposts with manmade materials.

"In view of the Oakland fires, I want to prevent redwood shakes...they are big pieces of kindling put on your roof. I want the council to explore the use of manmade materials."

"I despair to see a letter here from the Sierra Club urging that we use plastic, plastic is full of hydrocarbons," said Mayor Jean Grace.

Fischer said he was shocked by reports of the money people are asking for old growth lumber and, "If we support them, we're encouraging them to go and do worse."

The council voted not to endorse a proposal requiring lumber mills to label lumber as old or young growth until it is an actual bill that can be reviewed. The request was made by Bryan Rosen, a member of the Wilderness Society.

Young Padres Upset Seaside

Carmel High School grabbed the biggest win of its young basketball season when it upset Seaside 66-65 behind guard R. J. Powell's 30 points.

Coach Rich Frank had been looking for more offense from the talented sophomore, and he got it against the highly-regarded Spartans—including a desperation jumper that went in with just :02 to play.

The victory moved the Padres to a 3-1 record in pre-league play heading into its own tournament. Play begins tonight and extends through Saturday. Carmel's opening game will be tonight at 8 p.m. against defending champion Las Lomas.

Powell's winning shot was the second of two desperation efforts he put up in the final seconds. The first, from the corner, was wild, but he got the ball back and sank

the winner from near the top of the key.

Carmel had battled back from a 12-point deficit in the third quarter to be in position to win it at the end. David Bernard, who finished the game with 16, contributed critical scores to the third-quarter comeback.

In the JV game, Seaside won 43-33.

One More Sun in 1991

Because of the timing of Christmas, the *Sun's* next issue, which will be out Dec. 19, will be the last it publishes this year.

After that, its next edition will be published Thursday, Jan. 2. The advertising deadline for the first issue of 1992 will be Friday, Dec. 28.



KATE McANANEY takes time out at the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center Toy Fair Saturday to admire one of the toys that John Pryor brought to sell or trade. Scores of youngsters attended the event in the Tularcitos School multipurpose room. It was organized by McAnaney, who wore a name badge proclaiming her the "Head Honcho." *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

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